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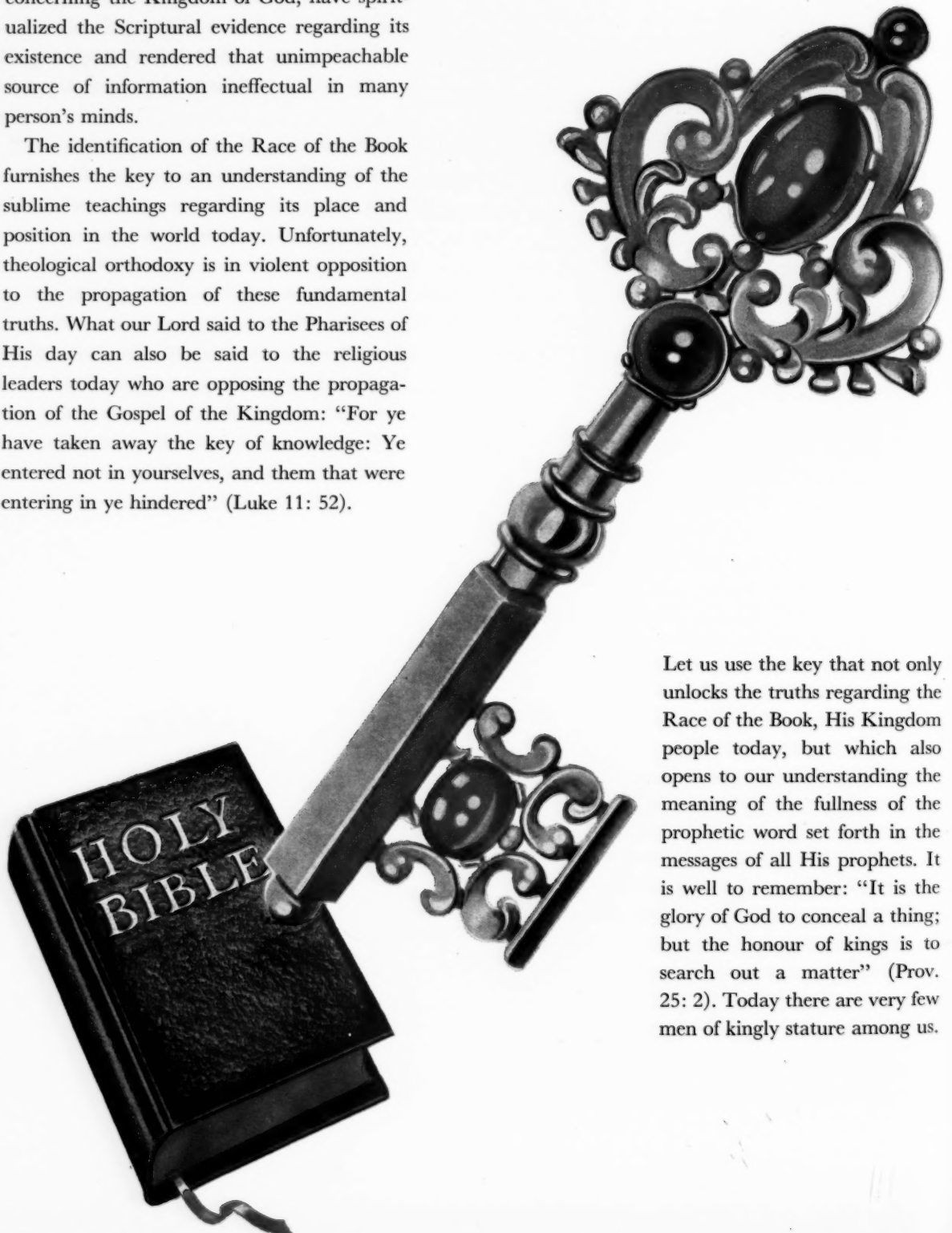
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The Key That Reveals The Kingdom

Men, unable to understand the great truths concerning the Kingdom of God, have spiritualized the Scriptural evidence regarding its existence and rendered that unimpeachable source of information ineffectual in many person's minds.

The identification of the Race of the Book furnishes the key to an understanding of the sublime teachings regarding its place and position in the world today. Unfortunately, theological orthodoxy is in violent opposition to the propagation of these fundamental truths. What our Lord said to the Pharisees of His day can also be said to the religious leaders today who are opposing the propagation of the Gospel of the Kingdom: "For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered" (Luke 11: 52).



Let us use the key that not only unlocks the truths regarding the Race of the Book, His Kingdom people today, but which also opens to our understanding the meaning of the fullness of the prophetic word set forth in the messages of all His prophets. It is well to remember: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing; but the honour of kings is to search out a matter" (Prov. 25: 2). Today there are very few men of kingly stature among us.

NORTH and WEST

ON ONE OCCASION when Nathan the Prophet came to David he communicated a message to him from the Lord in these words:

"Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime." (II Sam. 7: 10.)

In this way a place was specified where Israel would not only become a nation but would grow to become a company of nations and a great people as well.

The Prophet Jeremiah informs us that Israel was to find grace in the wilderness (Jer. 31: 2) and the Prophet Isaiah points to the geographical location of the territory where Israel would find both rest and peace. There Israel would sing a new song and there they would praise the Lord. The location embraces both the wilderness and the isles of the sea, for Isaiah declares:

"Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands." (Isa. 42: 10-12.)

The Prophet makes further identification possible of the territory allotted to Israel by his specific reference to the north and west:

"Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee [Israel], and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; that thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them. And I will make all my moun-

tains a way, and my highways shall be exalted. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west." (Isa. 49: 8-12.)

That directional lines properly drawn according to the directions given will embrace the wilderness of the people (Ezekiel 20: 34-37), the isles of the sea (Isa. 24: 15; 42: 10; 49: 1; 60: 9; Jer. 31: 9, 10), and the desolate heritages (Isa. 49: 8) of the North American Continent will be abundantly clear from a careful study of the territory included in the following survey.

The tendency in the past has been to confine the north and west directions given by Isaiah to a north-west line running from Palestine to the British Isles. While this line points out the isles of the sea, yet to confine Isaiah's statement to this line only is to miss the larger and fuller meaning of his prophecy.

Rev. Samuel H. Wilkinson, in his attack upon the identity of the Anglo-Saxons as modern Israel, along with others, declares that the terms "north and west" cannot be understood in a merely geographical sense and he rejects the idea that it means a north-west directional line from Palestine as an unproven fact. But let us take the statement given by Isaiah and lay out our survey in accord with the directions given by that Prophet. Let us run the first line due north from Palestine as suggested by Isaiah, continuing it beyond the north pole. Now let us run a line at right angles to this north line due west, following Isaiah's specific instructions, and it will intersect the north line west of the United States in the Pacific Ocean. Thus, starting at or near Palestine, and following Isaiah's directions, the results are startling. Could it be that Moses knew of this survey when he declared:

"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance." (Deut. 32: 8-9.)

Moses informs us by this statement that God, as the Great Surveyor, has set the bounds of the people according to the needs of His people Israel. Isaiah gave us at least one set of bounds that encompass the Israel lands when he set forth the north and west directional lines. Within the confines of this territory Israel has grown into a nation, a company of nations and a great people, from which territory she has expanded in fulfillment of:

"And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Gen. 28: 14.)

Mr. Robert Swanton has clearly demonstrated in the accompanying maps the territory bounded by the directional lines given by the Prophet. In the projection of the north and west lines the territory is also defined through which Israel wandered as they trekked to the appointed place. Thus, that portion of Europe through which the people passed in their journey westward is included in this survey, but it also takes in the territory across the Atlantic Ocean, encompassing the North American Continent, the United States of America and Canada.

A study of the accompanying maps, and the drawing of the globe, with the explanation given in Mr. Swanton's letter, demonstrates the accuracy of Isaiah's prophecy, as well as the significance of the statement made by Moses. Furthermore, this is the answer to the critics who object to the use of the reference to the north and west made by Isaiah to locate the appointed place — the territory in which Israel was to expand in fulfillment of prophecy. Taken literally, Isaiah has defined a large section of the globe beginning at a point in or near Palestine, bounded on one side by a line running north and on the other by a line running at right angles to this north directional line but going west until both lines

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YOUR attention, as you read this publication, is directed toward the destinies of the nations of the world, the war, and our changing economy. The conclusions are based on the *only* authoritative source — the prophecies of the Holy Bible. In this way one can know the purpose and outcome of present chaos and you may well be startled, if this is your first acquaintance with its *national* phase, to discover the Bible as the most modern Book in the world. Containing information we must all shortly take into account, it deals mainly with the origin, history and destiny of *one* race and it is very probable that *you* are of that race, thus both the Bible and DESTINY deserve your consideration and study.

DESTINY identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel under the leadership of the United States of America and Great Britain, and proceeds to prove it to be true. The magazine itself is published by plain Americans who have seriously studied God's Word in the Scriptures and who have seen God's hand in American and world history. We are not introducing a new religion. We are not a sect. In a time when esteem for the Bible has greatly declined, we stand for the truth of the Book as applied to the spiritual, economic and political life of man on the earth and so have formed a non-profit organization — which is undenominational — to publish these truths in order that others may possess this important information.

Our responsibility in these matters is deepened by the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the people with whom God made His unalterable Covenant, and upon whom He laid His Law. That is, we accept the Scripture which describes a servant race appointed by God as the earthly vehicle of His purpose to the nations. This people He called *Israel*. Selected, disciplined, dispersed on their mission, they are here now — these are still Bible times in the truest sense — and it is a marvelous, continuing-on-through-the-centuries history. For we note that Israel left Palestine, while the Jews remained. We trace Israel out of the East and across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles, then on to America. By

FOREWORD

what the prophets wrote of them, what the monuments record, what the traditions preserve, by the "way-marks" they left at various stages of their journey, but mostly by the way they have fulfilled, unconsciously, what the Word of God states concerning them, and by the innumerable evidences of God's providence in their present situation, we know who and where they are, and what they will do.

His own name upon them, for Israel means "a prince with God," and He commanded them not to "take it in vain." That they did take God's name in vain — and so lost it — is a matter of history. That they will again carry it — to God's honor and service — is clear from the Bible, and is the subject of our publication.

Like the name Israel, *Anglo-Saxon* is a noble name when clearly understood. As here used it does not stand for the Nordic racial theory or for the exaltation of any nation. We exalt God, not man. And we recognize that all who are "born again" and believe in Jesus Christ, regardless of his or her race, will partake of the blessings of the Covenant. We emphasize the Anglo-Saxon-Israel fact, however, and thus make Israel's identity clear, because it has been so grossly neglected and misunderstood in Bible teaching and is *essential* to an understanding of the prophecies and plan of God as contained in the Bible.

We see in the Bible plain guidance for the spiritual life of the soul, for the moral order of society and for the economic process of community and national well-being based on justice and equity. We find the moral order by which God intends to make obsolete the pagan order under which we still live. We see our Israel forefathers as they lives in alternate obedience and rejection of the Law, with consequent prosperity, punishment and correction. We have the Voice of God recalling us to our allegiance and foretelling the consequences of certain courses of action, and we have our Lord offering to set up completely the Kingdom of God on earth in its spiritual, economic and moral elements with Himself as King.

Thus we stand for *the whole law of God and the whole Gospel of Christ!* In large and general terms, this defines our position. We are anti-nothing and pro-everything relating to God's revealed purpose. We publish the neglected truths concerning the Kingdom or Government of God, for peace and justice, and concerning the people of God who continue today — the same people with the same work — now nearing the time of the full entry of the rule of God among men.

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Israel! To many folk, today, the true meaning of this lovely name is lost or obscured. The fallacy persists that the ancient Israel people were chosen by God as an object of favoritism. God's choice of Israel still stands as a positive fact; yet there is no question of favoritism. The people of Israel were chosen for *service*. God called Israel to convey, to all mankind, the blessings of peace, happiness and true progress. While performing that service, God guaranteed to Israel the reward which every faithful servant should receive: the benevolence and protection of the Master. He placed

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

THE NATIONS ARE DRUNK

ALL NATIONS TODAY are drunk with the wine of unrighteousness, reeling as they stagger under the pressure of a collapsing Babylonian economy. Jeremiah prophetically foretold the present world condition when he said:

"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad." (Jer. 51: 7.)

The Prophet further declares that the fall of Babylon will be sudden and men will howl as a result of the severity of the judgment, for there will be no escape from it. He then admonishes God's people to forsake the system for "her judgment reacheth unto heaven" (Jer. 51: 9).

Jeremiah's prophecies must be read in the light of the additional and later revelation given to John on the Isle of Patmos. He describes the fall of Babylon the Great in terms of a great world economic collapse. The Babylonian economy is the very foundation upon which our present commercial activities rest and judgment upon this system, as visualized by John, will have the following results:

"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more. . . . And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour she is made desolate." (Rev. 18: 11-19.) (For the length of that hour see *Study in Revelation*, pages 269 and 280.)

The day has come when this prophecy is to be fulfilled. Already Europe and Asia are in the throes of economic disaster and cannot be saved from its evils as judgment falls upon the work and labor of men. The United States, sensing the tragedy about to be enacted through the collapse of the world economy, refuses to heed God's warning to come out of the system. Instead, from our abundance we are undertaking to stem the effect of the coming judgment. The result will be that the excessive strain thus placed on our nation will pull us into the maelstrom of world catastrophe from which we shall not be able to extricate ourselves.

It is of interest here to remember that the New Deal with its bank holiday and program of a planned economy

came into being with Mr. Roosevelt's accession in 1933 to the Presidency of the United States. One prophetic hour (15 years) later is the year 1948, a most important year * when the Roosevelt tenure of office will expire, technically speaking, with the presidential election of that year. Mr. Truman was not elected President by the people; he was elected Vice-president and assumed the office of the Presidency upon the death of Mr. Roosevelt, pledging that he would devote himself to carrying out Mr. Roosevelt's program and policies to the best of his ability.

Judgment is arriving on schedule according to Jeremiah's declaration that the Lord of Hosts has sworn the end of the Babylonian system has come, and the program of judgment is being fulfilled before our eyes today. Already the military and political might of Babylon has passed away (see *End of Gentile Rule*, DESTINY for July 1945); now we are witnessing the extent of the judgment falling upon its economic structure.

"The present economic system has been unjust, oppressive and has taken from God's people the fruit of their labors. It is judged a usurper and thief . . . Babylon the Great has been condemned for its wantonness and its mishandling of the things of life by the Judge of all the earth and the verdict has been given and doubled in accordance with the law of trespass. The verdict will be carried out." (*Study in Revelation*, page 279.)

This verdict: "Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled to her double" will be fulfilled in the events of the next few months, bringing the present world economy to a complete end.

Judgment has already fallen on Europe and Asia, and Great Britain is feeling its effects now. The economic blight will soon spread to engulf the United States, also sweeping away every vestige of our present prosperity, destroying our savings and investments in the greatest of all crashes the world has ever known. It is to be so severe that John describes the catastrophe in terms of a mighty angel who took a great millstone and cast it into the sea saying:

"Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown

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down, and shall be found no more at all." (Rev. 18: 21.)

With the final destruction of the present world economy the way will have been prepared for God's people to turn from the evil and oppression so prevalent today under the present system of evil competition and injustice to their God-given economy and the restoration of His commandments, statutes and judgments as the law of the land. Though political, economic and religious systems are crashing the man of God can look forward with expectancy to a new and better order wherein righteousness will be found.

A PREVIEW

IF THE AVERAGE AMERICAN would like to know what life would be in the United States under a Communistic régime they need only to study the march of events in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy and many other countries now dominated by Soviet Russia. Such a study will furnish a perfect preview of the methods the Communists use to gain control.

In *The Saturday Evening Post* for August 23, 30 and September 6th, Ferenc Nagy, ex-Premier of Hungary, in a series of three articles titled "How the Russians Grabbed My Government" shows step by step the process by which the Soviets prevented the people of Hungary from establishing a government of their own choice. The technique adopted by the Communists is devilish and diabolical and there can be no fraternization with them, for their word is worthless and their acts cold-blooded and cruel. Every American citizen should read and ponder well the facts set forth in those articles.

One thing is certain, Communists and the Communist party should be barred from having any legal standing in our country. No Communist or Communist-sympathizer should be allowed to occupy any position whatever in government and the Communist party and publications should be declared illegal in our land, for their doctrines are treasonable to our government. After all, ours is a Christian land and why should we deliberately harbor an enemy within whose purpose is the overthrow of our government, the destruction of our freedom and the enslavement of our people. Furthermore, once these evil forces come into power the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience would be promptly forbidden.

What would be the immediate results if the Communists came into power and were able to control all functions of government in the United States? Basing our deductions upon their activities in other lands we know a police state would immediately be established with every citizen now opposed to Communism declared at once to be an enemy of the state. Each and every one would be subject to seizure, imprisonment or death according to the whims of those in authority. The constitutional right of the individual to a fair trial would become a mockery and the few who would be brought to trial would have previously been subjected to weeks of torture to compel them to confess to anything the officials desired. The right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness would be gone forever.

Millions of citizens who now own their own homes would lose their possessions and their savings and be reduced to poverty and want, for Communism soon levels society to a perpetual state of destitution and abject misery.

Gone would be the freedom of movement now enjoyed

by millions of American citizens, for under a police state permits would be required to travel from one city to another. The happy, prosperous communities of today where men are free to walk the streets without fear would be places haunted with terror. No man would know when sudden seizure on the street might take place or a knock on his door at midnight might mean his separation from home and family, to spell enslavement far from his family and friends who would never know about the place to which he has been suddenly spirited.

There would be no justice or equity, and no redress whatever for any except staunch Communist party adherents. Fantastic? No, not at all, in the light of what has already happened in lands which once were filled with contented, happy people but which have today become places of misery and suffering under Soviet rule.

If America does not awaken today, tomorrow will be too late, for the enemies in our midst are laying their plans well and intend to bring them to fruition as a careless and disbelieving people refuse to believe the warnings concerning a danger so alarmingly imminent.

DOCTRINES OF DEVILS

PAUL WARNS: "In the last days perilous times should come" (II Tim. 3: 1). Not least among the perils of today are the doctrines of evil which are being presented as the embodiment of truth and light.

Though we have already referred to the claims being made concerning the origin of evil in the article, "The Father of Cain" (DESTINY for July 1947), we are still receiving inquiries in regard to this teaching. After we published the facts outlined in that article, one who has been instrumental in propagating this evil doctrine, instead of reinvestigating, advised his constituents to pay no attention to our presentation of the Scriptural evidence.

DESTINY remains unconcerned about the attitude such men may take toward our position, but we are concerned that DESTINY make facts available for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear that they may not be easily persuaded to turn from the pathway of truth.

The question arises, From whence comes this doctrine that the Devil, and not Adam, was the father of Cain? C. R. Dickey, in "The Bible and Modernism," DESTINY for October 1947,* points to the origin of this belief as Satanic and shows that it is one of the cardinal doctrines of Manichaeism. The dictionary gives a concise but adequately comprehensive definition of a Manichaean as one who is a believer in the doctrines of Manes, a Persian who taught a system compounded of Zoroastrian dualism and Christian soteriology. Zoroastrianism was the religion of Persia prior to the conversion of the Persians to Mohammedanism. Further light is thrown on the origin of the inspiration embodied in the teachings of Manichaeism in the meaning of the name of its founder, Manes. The dictionary defines Manes as "The spirits of the dead and gods of the lower world." It is also defined as the ancestral spirits worshipped as gods.

In view of the facts set forth in "Giants of the Darkness" (in this issue) the implications are very clear. The teaching, then, that the father of Cain was the Evil One is a doctrine of devils which is being propagated today as the acme of truth. It is well to remember our Lord's warning as He re-

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ferred to the subtlety of evil propaganda in these last days when He said, "If it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect" (Matt. 24: 24).

DESTINY is discharging its responsibility to its readers in warning of evil and it would be far better for those who condemn us for presenting such facts to investigate the evidence before admonishing their constituents to ignore the truth.

A SPIRIT OF FURY

WHO IS POISONING the minds of men, setting class against class and being responsible for the spirit of antagonism, mistrust and hate that exists between races today? The following from *The Patriot*, London, England, for September 1947 is illuminating:

"The same evil at work on the soil of these islands is working throughout the Empire. Somebody is exciting Jews against Arabs and Arabs against the Jews, negroes against whites, the Indian peoples against Great Britain, Mohammedans against Hindus and Hindus against Mohammedans. And it is the same in the whole hemisphere of Christian civilization. Americans are excited against British 'bolsheviks' and the British continually are warned not to be slaves of American capitalists. Under the influence of this evil the wife of the President of Argentina, a country providing nearly a half of British meat supplies, was insulted. Madam Perón was called a Fascist here, and her reception by the King refused. Now the people, directed from the same center of world evil, are whispering in Buenos Aires: 'Why are you feeding British Communists?' Again, France is brought to rage against Spain and Germany, and Spain against France. This evil is working to prevent the economic unity of Germany, and by severing the industrial part of Germany from the agricultural East is condemning Germany to starvation. It is this evil which is exciting the starving Germans against *perfidie* Albion and American 'capitalist sharks,' who, having plenty of everything, are starving the poor German population to death. And when from America and Great Britain some foodstuffs are sent to Germany the shout goes up: 'Look, you poor Britons, your food rations are so meager because your government is feeding the German Nazis!'

"What is this evil which is poisoning the air we breathe, the connections and relations between the nations? Who is the monster sowing mistrust and hatred in order to utilize chaos? To answer this question we have to know three basic rules which Lenin, the founder and leader of Russian Bolshevism, gave to his party. In his pamphlet *What is to be Done* he wrote: 'Our task is to utilize every manifestation of discontent, and to collect and utilize every grain of even rudimentary protest.'

"In his book *The Infantile Sickness 'Leftism' in Communism* he wrote: 'Since we do not know and cannot know which one of the countless sparks that fly around in the air will kindle the fire, we have to cultivate each and every field, according to our principles, even the oldest, stalest and seemingly most hopeless one.' In the same book he taught his disciples: 'To use any ruse, cunning, unlawful method, evasion and concealment of truth.'

"Such are three basic rules of Russian Bolshevism. For what purpose were these rules made? The purpose can be seen in just what is going on here and in the whole Western hemisphere, the playing of one part of mankind against another, of destroying one by one, with the sole aim of restoring the world domination of the Soviet Russian State Party.

"Knowing these three basic rules of Russian Bolshevism, or Communism, we know what is the evil thing which is poisoning the atmosphere of all Christian civilization."

All who hate Christian civilization and are actively opposing Jesus Christ are instrumental in furthering the work of this evil propaganda among us. The cry of anti-Semitism being raised in our midst is part of this same work of dis-

ruption. Basically, the Anglo-Saxons are "anti" no race or people, which can be said of no other race. Much of the anti-Semitic spirit manifested in our midst is inspired by Jewish sources, for the leaders of that people are far from blameless in this respect, having given impetus in acts and speech to the furtherance of racial antagonisms.

If every American citizen, regardless of origin or race, would recognize that the government of the United States of America is founded upon ethical Christian standards, and live and practice the principles of the golden rule, there would be no place for even a semblance of racial difficulties within our borders. The Communists, and those who hold their tenets of belief, are responsible for furthering the spirit of dissension which will ultimately end in violence and much shedding of blood.

BANKRUPTCY OF SOCIALISM

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE and individual initiative have vanished from the British Isles if the reports we read and study set forth a true account of conditions in Great Britain today.

Following the close of World War II, Great Britain voted a socialist government into office. During their tenure of office socialization of industry has moved forward at a rapid pace. Today coal mines are government owned. Broadcasting, cable and wireless systems, as well as aviation, are in the hands of the government. Agriculture and banking are government-controlled, while transportation, electricity and medicine are to be nationalized. Also, plans are being made for further socialization of gas, iron, steel and other industries.

It is an interesting spectacle to watch the socialization process, with the displacement of leaders of industry as heads of business enterprises by political bosses who are now taking over. If left to themselves, hardly one of these political leaders could build a strong flourishing business organization, yet they are being entrusted with the responsibilities of management of business organizations actually beyond their ability and power to properly direct.

Socialism has failed in Russia, for Communism is only socialism in its extreme manifestation. The experiments now being carried on in Great Britain will also fail to produce all the needs and comforts of life. If the United States of America fails, as Great Britain has failed, to properly diagnose the cause of the present economic ills, and turns from freedom of enterprise to a controlled economy, we also will see the passing of all semblance of prosperity, the drying up of consumers' goods and the impoverishment of our nation.

The following excerpt is from *Review and Outlook* in the *Wall Street Journal* of September 2, 1947:

"The country which preserved a system of competitive individualism came to the rescue of the countries which did not. The country which first abandoned its government controls feeds and lends to the countries which keep them. But just the same they tell us the system of the United States is wrong and the people who find asylum condemn the system which afforded them asylum.

"All over this world countries are trying this compromise with Socialism. In no place has it worked; it has created chaos and a progressive loss of freedom. In one place Socialism has been able to achieve some temporary workability. But in Russia there is no mushy talk about a compromise or gradualism. The rulers of Russia know Socialism for what it is, a doctrine of naked force,

and they want no shilly-shally about the matter. Underlying the whole Marxian philosophy is this view of man as a functional being to be ruled as you would rule a herd of cows. To think that such a view can admit any consideration of individual choice — well, one just has to stop thinking."

The answer to the problem of securing lasting prosperity for all peoples is not to be found in the doctrines of Communism, Socialism, or even under our present system of capitalism. On the other hand, true prosperity will come through the greater freedom of enterprise and expansion of individual initiative under the just and equitable laws of our God-given economy.

RIOTING IN INDIA

THE PRESENT RIOTING in India, with the accompanying civil strife and bloodshed, was foreseeable by those who have recognized that no race or people are fit for self-government who cannot maintain a continued spirit of justice and equity toward minorities in their midst. Tried against this standard of conduct, very few people are today capable of self-government. India is no exception.

In *DESTINY* for October 1946 we wrote:

"A major contributing factor to the degree of internal peace which India has been able to enjoy has been the continued British occupation of that country and their supervision of the nation's affairs. The barriers of race, tongue and religion, together with the rigid caste system which prevents national unity, are insurmountable obstacles to an acceptance of western concepts of liberty. Self-discipline and a spirit of tolerance toward those with whom one may differ are the essence of self-government. The people of India lack these qualities and, while Britain's rulership has often been laggard and defective, nevertheless, it has been as genuine as that displayed by any other colonial nation.

"Once Great Britain withdraws from India, the cohesive force which has prevented upheaval and revolution in the past will be gone and a nation of three hundred fifty millions, one fifth of the world's population, will be precipitated into widespread strife and bloodshed.

"Men of the Anglo-Saxon race assume other races possess their concepts of liberty, or can be easily persuaded to uphold them, forgetting that of all peoples upon the face of the earth they alone are unique in this respect. God said: 'Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.' (Ps. 2: 8.) Having assumed this responsibility to govern in righteousness, this race cannot lightly set aside its duty to maintain law and order among a people as divided and antagonistic one to another as the various religious and political groups in India are today. The moral responsibility for the death and suffering which would follow the proposed complete withdrawal would be directly chargeable to those instrumental in bringing about Britain's exodus from India.

"The guiding hand of the Israel people in the affairs of India is essential to peace. Great Britain, as the Israel of God, though desiring to give India self-government now, cannot thus escape the responsibility of maintaining law and order in this land of diversified peoples and religions."

Subsequent events have proved the truth of this forecast. Let the Kingdom people withdraw their controlling hand and their God-given sense of justice in administration from heathen lands and chaos follows. Under subversive pressure the Anglo-Saxons are being made to believe it is immoral for them to exercise their God-directed prerogative to establish justice and equity and they are endeavoring to give to the heathen the freedom of rule that they themselves enjoy. But, unfortunately, it is impossible to impart

the spirit of justice and equity to others, which would have prevented the freedom received too soon from becoming a license to wreak vengeance upon minority groups.

Wherever the righteousness of Anglo-Saxon justice and rule is established, there peace reigns; withdraw that rule and injustice and oppression will follow as surely as darkness follows the setting sun. In India bloodshed was the inevitable result.

As the Anglo-Saxon nations abandon nations and peoples under the false impression that only in this way can liberty and peace come to a troubled world, Russia moves in, expecting eventually to enslave the people under her system, and the ensuing chaos and suffering shatters all hope for peace among those thus abandoned.

WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

IN THE ARTICLE, "Giants of the Darkness" (this issue), it is shown that Modernism was spawned from the Bottomless Pit and introduced by the denizens of the great deep. Its teaching has prepared the soil in the Israel lands in which the seed of Communism can readily grow.

C. R. Dickey, in "The Bible and Modernism" (*DESTINY* for October 1947), points out the atheistical foundation of Modernism, clearly demonstrating that so-called Modernist teachings are atheism sugar-coated, "having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof" (II Tim. 3: 5). Through this deception, masquerading as modern scholarship, the faith of multitudes has been destroyed.

Many Modernist ministers are demonstrating the readiness with which the evil doctrines they have assimilated have prepared them for the next step — the glorification and adoption of the ideologies of Communism. The seeds were planted in the prepared soil and now the plant is growing into maturity.

In the *Town Meeting* radio broadcast of June 5, 1947 Jerome Davis, speaking in favor of Soviet Russia, stated:

"Informed religious leaders who have been in Russia, like Bishop Oxnham, former President of the Federal Council of Churches, Dr. Sockman of New York, Dr. John R. Mott, President of the World Y.M.C.A. — all believe that Communism and Christianity can get along together. Dr. Newton, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, says, 'Russia has as much freedom of religion as we do.'"

It all depends on what is meant by Christianity. If by Christianity the devil's counterfeit popularly recognized as Modernism is meant, one would expect men of that persuasion to get along with Communism, for both are basically atheistic. Bishop Oxnham's utterances and the program of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America clearly demonstrate this to be true.

On the same program with Jerome Davis, and supporting him, was Rev. William H. Melish of Brooklyn, New York. He stated:

"With Mr. Davis, I am less impressed by Russia's official attitude toward God, than by the fact that her ethics are rooted in the Jewish-Christian tradition. In meeting the needs of her citizens, and above all, her children, she is fulfilling Christian social requirements, and her churches are growing, and thinkers among us, like the late Archbishop Temple, stated that eventual reconciliation between the philosophy of Communism and Christianity is not a thing to be dismissed."

An ideology of government founded upon violence, that

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North and West

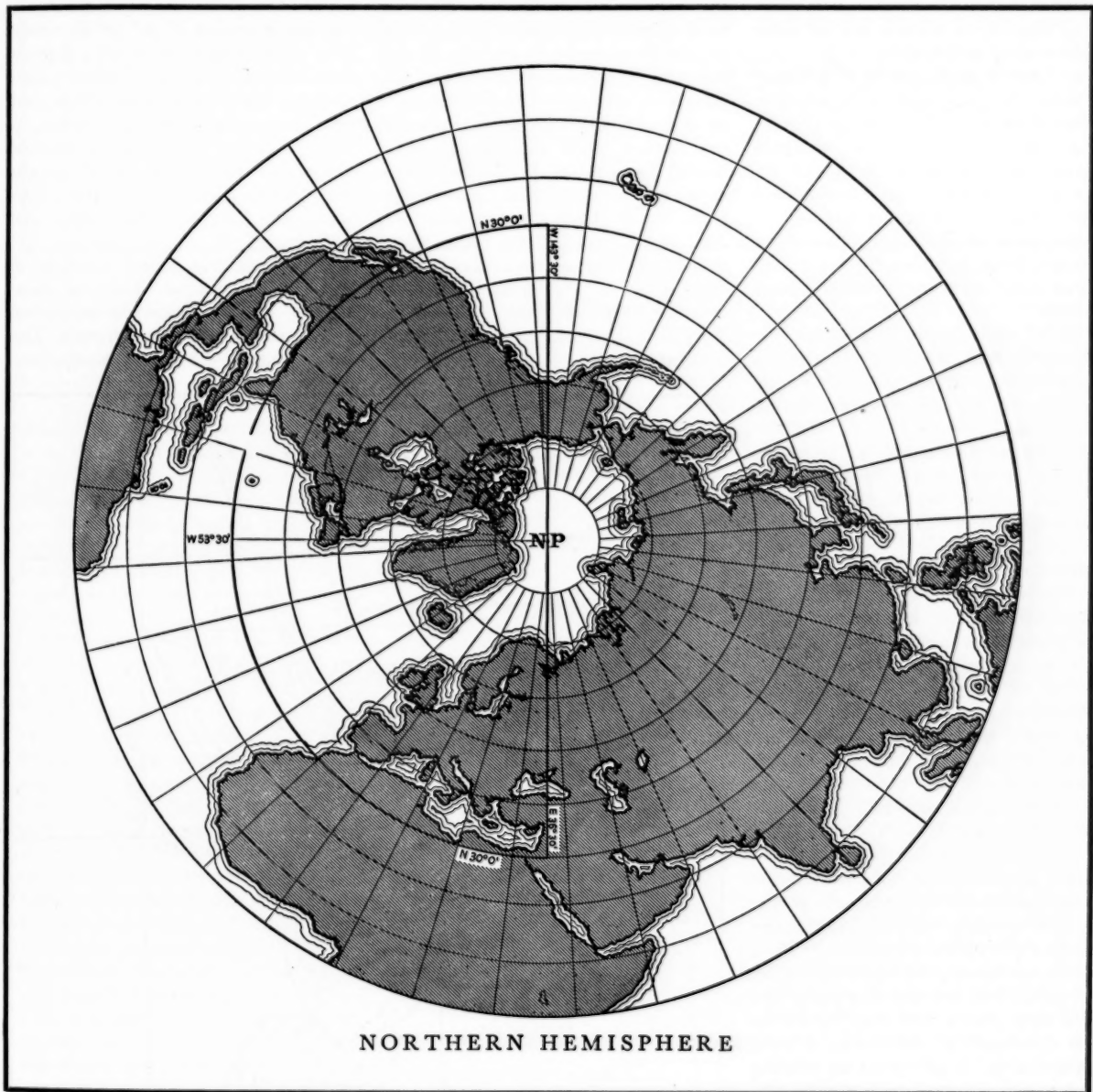
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meet at a given point in the Pacific Ocean, a point about half way between the west coast of the United States and the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. Swanton writes:

I am sending you in a separate package, a globe marked with black threads to show that two straight lines running from a point on the earth's

surface at right angles to each other, and continued around the earth to the opposite side, will again intersect at right angles and form a geometric figure which entirely encloses an area. The figure is a polar spherical triangle, but it is not necessary to speak of it as such. It is sufficient to the argument to understand that an area on the earth's

surface can be defined completely by two straight lines, whereas it is commonly supposed that no less than three are necessary. The paradox is explained by the fact that spherical triangles are defined by planes having two dimensions, whose directions are 1) tangent to the earth's surface and running N, S, E, W, NE, SE, NW, SE,



etc., and 2) running downward through the earth to an axis, or to the exact center of the earth, depending on the kind of spherical triangle being considered. People who are not familiar with solid geometry and spherical trigonometry will not be confused if they keep that simple fact in mind.

It is interesting to note, before taking up the argument with the aid of plane surface maps, that the figure described by black threads on the globe presents some considerations provocative of thought and inviting further study, viz.:

1) The 30th parallel N divides the Northern Hemisphere into two equal parts or halves.

2) Our figure divides one of these halves again into halves.

3) One of these halves is predominantly Christian, and the other overwhelmingly non-Christian, or pagan.

4) The Christian half can be again divided into halves, at N 53° 30' W, one of which comprises Canada and the U.S.A., and the other Britain and those parts of central and northern Europe through which the ten "lost" tribes made their way to their present homes.

5) All those figures or areas can be described and bounded by straight lines arranged in a systematic scheme, and having its starting point in the Holy Land.

6) All these conditions are necessary and no more than is sufficient to fully explain that the prophecies of the Bible so far as they have been fulfilled up to our times are reinforced by Great Pyramid mathematics.

Turning now to the more familiar plane surface maps, by means of which my postulation can be explained without recourse to intricate mathematics, let us look first at the map titled "Northern Hemisphere." A glance at the figure I have marked out on it makes it plain that the figure can be rotated around the North Pole, and made to include any half portion of the half-portion of the Northern Hemisphere. It is necessary, therefore, to locate one corner of the figure at the point indicated by prophecy as the proper starting point. The figure marked out, by the way, is the same as the figure marked by black thread on the globe, but reduced to a plane surface map drawn with due regard for the curvature of the earth. I have chosen N 30° E 36° 30' as the starting point, and will now intimate my rea-

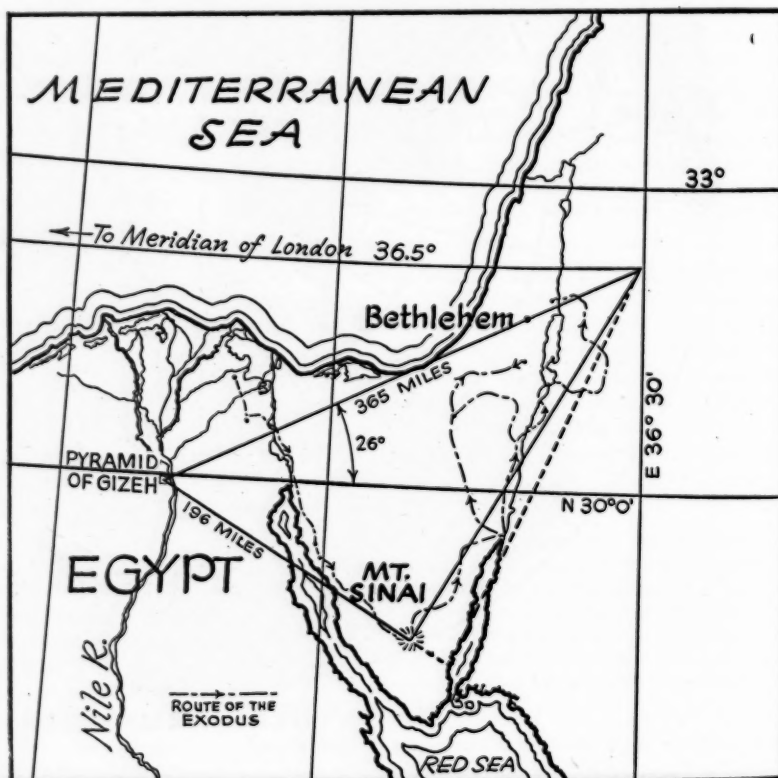
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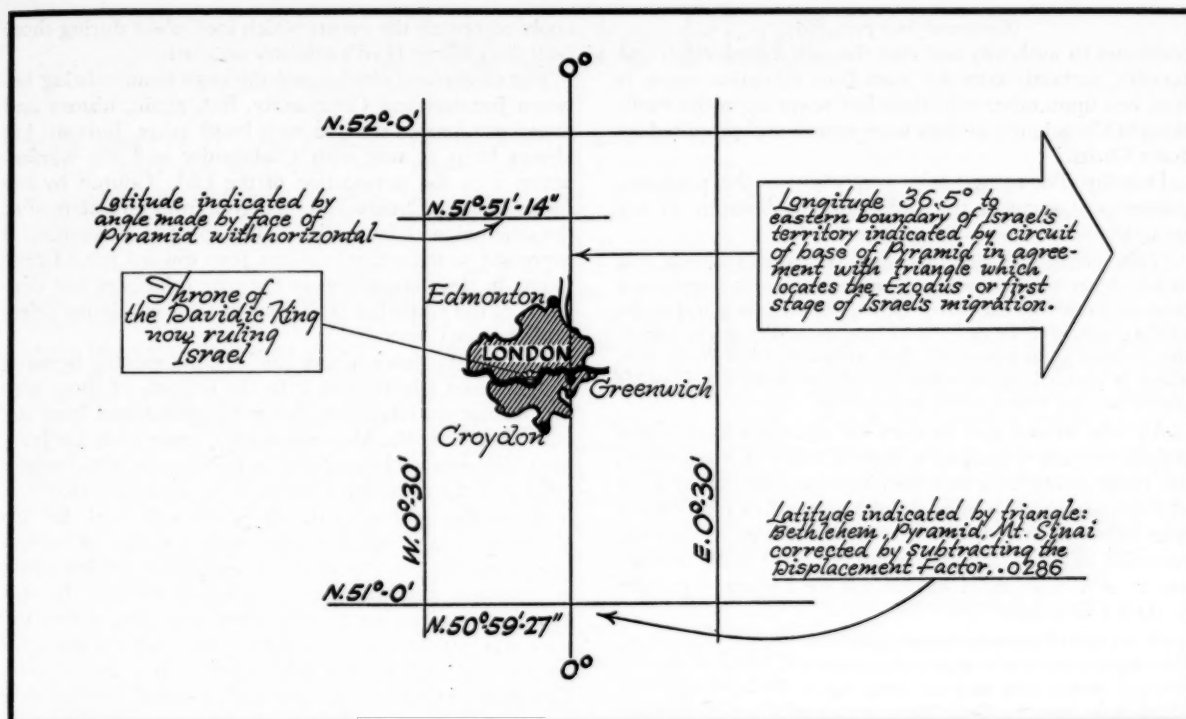
I have made free use of the brochure, *The Challenge of the Great Pyramid*,* and of the *Westminster Historical Atlas of the Bible* (Prof. G. E. Wright and Prof. Floyd Vivian Filson, both of McCormick Theological Seminary) in compiling the information on which this choice is based. Since both the globe and the map, "Northern Hemisphere," are drawn to a scale too small to show the details involved in the argument, let us turn to the map titled "Bible Lands and Cradle of Western Civilization" (*National Geographic Society*) and refer to the inset at the lower left-hand corner, which shows the route of the journey in the wilderness in substantial agreement with a more detailed map in the *Westminster Historical Atlas*. Observe that the entire Exodus story took place in the triangle I have marked out with the exception of the journey from Rameses (modern Tanis) to the Sea of Reeds, before Israel was a nation, and the encampment before Jericho and its siege and fall, which marked the time when Israel had become or was about to become a nation. The basing point is the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, which I be-

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lieve to be a proper place, and the only place in view of Isaiah 19: 19-20 and Jer. 32: 20 one could choose as a basing point. The remarks in *The Challenge of the Great Pyramid*, page 4, paragraph titled "Geographical Location," fortify my belief on this point.

It would appear that there is little or no justification for continuing the line from the apex of the Pyramid through Bethlehem beyond that point. If, however, one considers the circuit of the base as significant, and the scale to which it was drawn as having meaning, we ought to continue the line 100 miles farther. Having done so, I find a surprising result. One hundred miles farther along; that is, 365 miles in all, our line intersects N 36° 30' E, which is at once recognized as 36.5 degrees from the Meridian 0° 0' which passes through Greenwich, now within and near the southern limit of London, in which city the Throne of the Davidic King now ruling the British people and Commonwealth is located. Furthermore, London (Greenwich) lies 51° 27.30" N of the equator, 21° 58.04" N of the actual location of the Great Pyramid. Both of these figures are very close to numerical values we find in the Pyramid. The angle made by the sides of the Pyramid





with the horizontal is $51^{\circ} 51'$ plus, and the slope of the passageways is $20^{\circ} 18'$ plus, and the displacement factor is 286 plus.

The sketch map shows this extraordinary association of actual locations with numerical values found in the Great Pyramid. Note that actual conditions as found both in London and at the Pyramid accord with each other more closely than with theoretical values, which is what we ought to expect as the capstone was never put in place.

We have here the second witness to the fact heretofore only alleged, but which I now take to be proved, that $N 30^{\circ}$ latitude is the East and West line we have been seeking. The Great Pyramid is one witness, and our triangulation of London's location lacks but a little to have it agree exactly with the passageway slope angle. I, therefore, believe the corner of the large triangle defining the then future homeland of Israel, should and must be located at $N 36^{\circ} 30' E$ and $N 30^{\circ} 0'$, at present an uninhabited point in a desert area. I wonder if archaeologists will ever find anything there?

It is modern practice to check the correctness of a surveyed line by triangulation when great accuracy is desired. We can face that challenge and

answer it successfully by applying the same method to our line through Bethlehem. One leg of the triangle to be constructed is the line from the apex of the Great Pyramid through the location of the mountain traditionally identified as Mt. Sinai. We continue that line to the shore of the Gulf of Aqaba whence it passes out into the Red Sea. We are justified in jumping the Gulf of Suez because Mt.

Groping in Darkness

JESUS declared, "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

Widespread refusal to accept and believe the word of God has cast a shadow of gross darkness over all the earth as men and nations seek peace where there is no peace.

The light of revelation has been quenched and as Isaiah said, "We wait for light, but behold obscurity," for no man can dwell in the sunshine and at the same time live at the bottom of a well!

Sinai is located beyond it, looking in that direction from the Pyramid. Now, connecting the point where that line reaches the shore of the Gulf of Aqaba, and the point where the line through Bethlehem crosses $N 36^{\circ} 30' E$ with another line, completing the triangle, we find the east line required to complete our investigation closes the triangle and passes through the place where the Moabite Stone was found — at or near $N 31^{\circ} 31'$ and $N 36^{\circ} 0' E$. This is shown on the large scale part of the map, "Bible Lands and the Cradle of Western Civilization."

There is at least one more circumstantial proof that the reasoning used in choosing $N 36^{\circ} 30'$ and $N 30^{\circ}$ Long. as our starting point, is correct, but I will omit it as this letter is much too long as it stands. Briefly, it shows how the history of Israel in Judea and Egypt is placed in a definite area defined and located exactly in accord with the maps we have been studying in areas delineated by evidence deduced from the pyramidal mathematics and Bible prophecies. When Israel passed over the boundaries outlined into northern Judea and Syria, trouble followed every move they made, culminating in the captivity and exile.

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continues its authority and rule through intimidation and murder, certainly does not stem from Christian roots. It may rest upon other traditions but never upon the traditions of Christianity as they were taught and practiced by Jesus Christ.

Dorothy Thompson, who was also on the program, pointed out some of the Communist philosophy in her remarks:

"Communism maintains that any means justifies the end. And in actual fact, Communists perjure, persecute, rob, murder and enter into criminal conspiracy. Jesus, however, taught that the means determined the end — that men are as they act, and act as they believe. Jesus recognized that no society, whatever its aim, which is founded by force and by the extermination of whole classes can ever create a true community."

All who attend and support the churches from whose pulpits preachers, steeped in the doctrines of Modernism, are propagating their evil teachings are assisting the devil and furthering his program. John warned us that leaders who refuse to preach the teachings of Christ as they are recorded in the Scriptures are not of God. We are warned not to even wish them success lest we become a partner in their evil doings:

"Take care of yourselves, so that you may not lose what we are working out, but may receive a perfect reward. Whoever assumes the lead among you, and continues not in the teaching of the Messiah, possesses not God. Whoever continues in that teaching, he possesses both the Father and the Son. If any one comes to you, and does not bring this doctrine, neither admit him to your house nor wish him success; for whoever wishes him success, himself participates in his wicked doings." (II John 8-11. *F. F. Trans.*)

This admonition by John is a tremendous indictment of millions of Christians who, by their presence and their contributions, are assisting and supporting Modernist ministers — wolves in sheep's clothing — who occupy the pulpits of many churches in our land today.

THE PROOF OF HISTORY

FROM TIME TO TIME DESTINY calls attention to the refusal of modern Jewry to accept without equivocation the facts of history which led up to the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, Christian leaders are now acquiescing in a plan to falsify history in order to placate the Jews.

From a recent gathering of sixty-five prominent educators, churchmen and laymen in Seelisberg, Switzerland, a program has been proposed to radically revise religious records, instruction and preaching in order to change the story of Christ's crucifixion. The plan is to so present the Passion Story that it will, in the words of members of their subcommittee, "eliminate from Christian teaching the idea that Jewish people are under a curse." In order to do this the statements of the Apostles must be materially altered. Furthermore, the records of history must be falsified, for they corroborate the accuracy of the Bible statements that the Jews have been cursed ever since they rejected Jesus Christ, their Messiah.

It would be far better for the Jews to accept the truth and repudiate the acts of their forefathers in crucifying their Messiah. By doing this they could secure the blessings which would follow the recognition of the Messiahship of Jesus Christ. In this way alone will they be able to escape the curse which has been upon them and their children for so many centuries — not by changing the words in the

books recording the events which took place during those final days of our Lord's ministry on earth.

The conference emphasized the close bond existing between Judaism and Christianity. But, again, history and experience proves that no such bond exists. Judaism has always been at war with Christianity and the warfare began with the persecution of the early Church by the Jews when the Christians were driven from Jerusalem after the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. The spirit of antagonism is expressed in the attitude of the Jews toward Jesus Christ today, in their opposition to the true principles and doctrines of the Christian faith, and in their continued rejection of Jesus Christ.

The only evidence of any kind of bond existing between Judaism and Christianity is in the attitude of those who call themselves Christians but have apostatized from the faith. These are the Modernists who, along with the Jews, have also rejected Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world.

Closing the conference report is the statement that as a result of this gathering the delegates will work for the abolition of laws which conflict with equality of human beings and for the enactment of legislation making racial or religious discrimination a criminal offense. In this experiment of trying to mix snow with fire, either the snow will put out the fire or the fire will melt the snow, for the two elements cannot exist together in a mixed state. The Bible declares, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3: 3).

Judaism refuses to accept Jesus Christ as God, the Son, and will not recognize His Messiahship or Saviourhood. The Jews also reject the ethical standards that Jesus Christ laid down as essential for all those who follow Him. How, then, can adherents to Judaism walk in close harmony with those who stand for the principles they have repudiated and the Person whom they have rejected? No law of man will ever be able to produce harmony where fundamentally none exists because of the refusal to accept Jesus Christ, the only One who can bring about the harmony desired.

NOTHING NEW

INFORMATION contained in a recently released British Secret Service report may have come as a surprise to many who have refused in the past to face facts. DESTINY readers, however, have for years been aware of the Russian program and the only change now is that Soviet Russia will cease camouflaging her purposes.

The Soviets are to drop all pretense of friendship with the United States in a move to consolidate their far-flung positions. Perhaps it is well, for it may awaken foolish Americans and Christian Church leaders who have been supporting the Communist program to a recognition of the truth. Sooner or later they are going to be shocked into silence when the devilishness of the Kremlin's program is fully revealed.

As a Christian nation our desire is to feed and succor the distressed and downtrodden, but the Soviet leaders are doing everything in their power to increase that distress, seeking to capitalize upon European and world misery. Their plan, as set forth in the above report, is to use economic chaos, political confusion and psychological fear as the proper recipe for successfully conquering Europe without the direct use of armed forces in the next twelve months.

The Safe Place

THE DESIRE OF ALL men is peace and safety and with these two goals in view men labor and save to provide for the future. Because of this inherent human desire, methods have been devised by which a semblance of security may be obtained through collectivity in the form of insurance by which multitudes contribute to a common fund from which the unfortunate among them are provided for in a time of need. By insurance men can protect themselves against all kinds of losses of their material holdings caused by fire, flood, tornado, hurricane, earthquake; in fact, from almost every type of physical disaster to their person and their possessions. Even life itself can be insured so that in death a man's dependents are amply cared for although he is no longer able to directly provide for them. For many years this form of security has been a recognized asset of modern civilization.

Governments also have added to the citizen's assurance of economic safety by providing old age pensions and similar benefits. But all, both private insurance and governmental methods of providing social security, rest upon the foundation of the continued operation of our present economy. While the system endures those who have insurance or some other form of social security feel reasonably safe.

Today the advent of the atom bomb and the present ever-increasing possibility of a general economic collapse are producing widespread anxiety and the result is that men's hearts are failing them for fear of the things which are coming upon the earth, for there is danger that all forms of security will be swept away, and life itself is liable to extinction.

Men are apprehensive, and well they may be, for the coming economic deluge will sweep away much of that for which they have labored. This has resulted in the question being raised with increasing insistence as to the whereabouts of a place of safety to which the individual may retire where he may have peace and protection until the storm has passed. Capitalizing upon this desire for peace and safety, certain charlatans are advocating the organization of colonies and the stock-piling of provisions in some

remote country, mountain or wilderness retreat. This, so we are informed, will provide the necessary security from coming disaster.

In no way do we belittle the fact that there will be a definite need of a place of refuge for all to escape the fury of the events of the Day of the Lord, but few will find it by seeking a place of seclusion. Today the forces of destruction are so titanic that no physical place on earth will be safe. Destruction by atomic bombs can be so far-reaching that their death-dealing rays of radioactivity can be made to blanket an entire continent. To what place can men flee to be free from their destructive effects?

Years ago a man could hide within a few miles of an enemy and be safe as long as his hiding place was not discovered, but today deadly bacteria-warfare disease germs will seek out every hiding place. Ezekiel clearly expresses this lack of protection, either far away in a distant hiding place or near at hand:

"He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them." (Ez. 6: 12.)

Esdras declares that as an arrow shot by a mighty archer returns not to him, so the plagues which shall be sent upon the earth will not return but fulfill their purpose. Having witnessed in vision a preview of coming troubles, Esdras was greatly disturbed and asked a pertinent question: "What shall I do when these evils shall come?" Many are asking the same question today. Before answering it Esdras tabulated many reasons for the tribulation to come:

"Behold, famine and plague, tribulation and anguish, are sent as scourges for amendment. But for all these things they shall not turn from their wickedness, nor be always mindful of the scourges." (II Esdras 16: 19-20.)

Esdras described a time to come when food would be so plentiful and cheap that people would be saying famine could never again afflict the earth. However, he declared:

"Even then shall evils grow upon the

earth, sword, famine, and great confusion." (II Esdras 16: 21.)

Thus, prophetically, Esdras describes our day and generation with evil increasing upon the earth, for no man can successfully question the accuracy of the statement that we live in a time of sword, famine and great confusion. Continuing with a description of great devastation, Esdras depicts the effects of wholesale destruction in the following words:

"For of a city there shall be ten left, and two of the field, which shall hide themselves in the thick groves, and in the clefts of the rocks. . . . And the earth shall be laid waste, and the fields thereof shall wax old." (II Esdras 16: 28-32.)

The admonition is then given:

"Hear now these things, and understand them, ye servants of the Lord. Behold, the word of the Lord, receive it: believe not the gods of whom the Lord spake. Behold, the plagues draw nigh, and are not slack. . . . O my people, hear my word: make you ready for the battle, and in those evils be even as pilgrims upon the earth." (II Esdras 16: 35-40.)

Paul had this same fact in mind when he said that the faithful who serve the Lord throughout the ages are in their generation strangers and pilgrims on earth (Heb. 11: 13), sojourning as "guests" or "visitors," as the word "pilgrims" implies.

While in the world, they are not to be of it, conforming with its evil ways. As pilgrims and travelers Esdras admonishes them:

"He that selleth, let him be as he that fleeth away: and he that buyeth, as one that will lose: he that occupieth merchandise, as he that hath no profit by it: and he that buildeth, as he that shall not dwell therein. He that soweth, as if he should not reap." (II Esdras 16: 41-43.)

The servant of the Lord is not to be overly concerned with the cares of this life. Esdras advises: "Be ye not afraid, neither doubt; for God is your guide" (II Esdras 16: 75). This advice is enhanced by the Psalmist's statement:

"He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways." (Ps. 91: 11.)

This is said, however, only of those whom the Psalmist is addressing — those who come within the group he

specifically describes in the following manner:

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." (Ps. 91: 1.)

This is the opening clause in the Divine insurance policy (see *DESTINY* for February 1947) and refers to a designated "place" where a man may dwell in peace and be securely protected from the devastation of atomic bombs, bacteria warfare and every other form of destruction. But what and where is this *secret place*?

The Psalmist declares this secret place is with the Most High, or, as rendered in Hebrew, with *Elyon*. In a note in *The Companion Bible* the author points out that *Elyon* is one of the names of God,* not as the powerful creator, but as "the possessor of heaven and earth."

This title of God (*Elyon*) occurs thirty-six times in Scripture. He not only possesses the earth but divides their inheritance among the nations. In Psalms 83: 18, following the defeat of all evil aggression, it will then be made known to all the world that Jehovah, the Lord God of Israel, is *Elyon* who is over all the earth.

Elyon is associated with Jesus Christ who is declared to be the Son of the Most High (Luke 1: 32-35). John speaks of Jesus Christ as dwelling in the secret place of the Most High when He states:

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." (John 1: 18.)

The bosom of the Father, or secret place, is associated with our Lord's former glory and His eternal life. With the coming of Jesus Christ the secret of eternal life was revealed, but only to those who became His followers. To all others this place is hidden and unknown because they do not comprehend it. Jesus refers to the glory which He had with His Father before He became a man, a glory which all those who become co-heirs with Him will partake of in the age to come. Reference to that glory is made in His prayer:

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was." (John 17: 5.)

In this same prayer Jesus refers to

eternal life which God had commissioned Him to confer upon those who would qualify for it by accepting Him as Saviour. Those who continue in the faith of Jesus Christ have eternal life, for it has been manifested to them. John refers to the significance of this:

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For life [eternal] was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1: 1-3.)

Hidden from a world devoted to selfish, carnal pursuits and desires, the full comprehension of the significance of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ is unknown and unrecognized as men fritter away their time unmindful of the wonderful prize set before them. Only those who have their hearts set on that goal, whose aim through Christ is to attain it, have come into a knowledge and understanding of what it means to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and thus live daily in the assurance of eternal life. They alone can say with John, "We know that we have passed from death unto life" (1 John 3: 14).

Eternal life is a gift to be conferred upon all those who come to the Father through Jesus Christ. Through Him they may lay claim to sonship and may call God their Father. When God becomes their Father they are dwelling in the secret place of the Most High and to them is granted the privilege of abiding under the shadow of the Almighty (Ps. 91: 1). To abide means to continue in a place and carries with it the idea of stability. This is the safety and certainty mankind seeks and the Christian, living close to his Father, has it because he is always under the overshadowing protection of Almighty God. To His followers Jesus could say:

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14: 27.)

Jesus possessed a peace of mind and soul, the result of close communion as He walked and talked with His Father, that no man apart from Him could possibly have. In the assurance

of eternal life He was serene amid all turmoil and trouble, for He was dwelling in the secret place. This peace of mind and spirit He passed on to His followers. Paul had all this in mind when he said:

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together." (Rom. 8: 14-17.)

Men have sought protection through insurance and by other means, and now, amid the inevitable turmoil of the closing days of the present era, many are looking for a place of economic and physical safety. But only those who have secured eternal life through Jesus Christ have the assurance of abiding in a safe place so that they may walk unafraid through the uncertainties of life in the present order.

The conviction expressed by Paul is the kind of daily assurance every Christian may have:

"Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." (Rom. 14: 8.)

Though we as Christians have not as yet attained the ultimate security which is ours and must for a while yet be pilgrims upon the earth, we nevertheless look "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11: 10). It is a wonderful thing to be able to say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me" (Ps. 23: 4). Even though death may overtake us, we still have the assurance of eventual arrival at the promised destination through the coming resurrection.

Words are entirely inadequate to describe the glorious age which is coming, in which all those who have found the secret place of the Most High will have a part. We are given to understand by Isaiah that it will surpass our most extravagant ideas, for he exclaimed, "Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him."

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Comments and Conclusions

By MORGAN WOOD

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, W. J. CAMERON of Dearborn, Michigan, delivered a speech from which the following excerpts are taken:

"It was suggested that tonight's topic be a timely one. Such a topic lies close at hand and you who follow the world press know what it is. Not Russia; not Britain; not Palestine; not the labor front, nor the atomic bomb. Preponderant world publicity testifies that, by all odds, the most timely of all themes today, the world's biggest international Question Mark, is the United States. *We* of the United States may be discussing other matters, but the rest of the world is discussing *us* and our product: *Americanism*.

"WHAT WOULD YOU SAY AMERICANISM IS? Some say, 'It's what *we* are: we are Americans, and what *we* are, *that* is Americanism.' It is whatever the American people are at the moment. You stop the moving reel of our national life, take a 'still,' and what you get in the picture, *that* is Americanism. *Or is it?* When you see what stands out with brazen prominence in the picture, that will be your question. For you are likely to see a level of life whose center is the cocktail lounge, whose taste in design is symbolized by the juke box, whose altar of youthful worship is Hollywood — a level of life where the shoddier novel has the wider reading and staged pornography the longer run; its idea of wealth, money; its idea of power, force; its idea of freedom, getting what you want at anyone's cost. *Is that Americanism?*

"This habit of expecting a 'miraculous' leader to rise from nowhere and magically annul the consequences of our wilful folly; this mad cult of 'personality'; the craze for 'Great Profiles,' great lovers, glamor girls and crooners who 'lay them in the aisles'; this psychopathic preoccupation with publicity that employs identical methods to promote a new brand of soap or 'sell' a presidential candidate; and the delirious dream of a Great New Future heralded by plastics and television, radar and 500-passenger airplanes — plunging us headlong on the roads that lead straight back to Yesterday. Do you say *that* is Americanism? Or this cluttered, clamorous way of life that gives us everything but quiet and lets us do anything but think?

OH, WE SAY, 'that isn't Americanism.' Perhaps we mean that this isn't what we want it to appear to be, that this misrepresents the substance of our history and the spirit of our dreams. Yet, there it is, national in scope, dominant in influence, and, in spite of what we may say, flaunted to the world as characteristically and admirably American.

"All the fifth columnists reported to their capitals that this was the America they saw. I remember when Japan withdrew from the League of Nations, a Japanese journalist, returning home by way of the United States, called at Dearborn. He declared in the course of a conversation that the most effeminate people he had met in all his travels were the Americans. That was a new one! I never had been

quite blind to our shortcomings as a people, but I was wholly unprepared to hear us described as *effeminate*. Anything but that! Today that journalist would probably select a more masculine adjective. I asked him where he picked up that notion of us. He submitted what he saw everywhere in our country — blatant interest in women as indicated by our magazines; the lally-gagging languor of our popular songs; the love nausea of our movies. And, of course, he reported at home that Americans were pretty well softened and ready to be taken. Reports given Berlin and Tokyo regarding our people were formulated in that way. Foreign observers never meet the American people at large, they do not frequent our churches or fraternal organizations, they do not look in upon our night schools — nor visit the middle class or the farmer. They base their judgments and reports upon the woozy males and females of that upper underworld called 'society,' and, from what they see, their conclusions are correct. The mistake is to take these as representatively American. For, like anti-Semitism and government-supported social and economic experiments, these are not indigenous in our psychic soil, but *imported* — the products of that European decadence now finally in ashes. Time was when the passion for America was strong enough to resist these infections, and it only needs now to exhibit them, hold them up in the light, and say, 'Behold! Americanism!' to provoke the denial, 'No, that is *not* Americanism!' To bring people to see that, to say that, and to say it with finality, is great gain. It is something else that we mean by Americanism.

NOW, IN THE FIRST PLACE, Americanism is not primarily a political quality, as many seem to suppose. The habit has grown upon us of explaining our people, and thinking of their past and future, in political terms. The nation is regarded by many as exclusively a political phenomenon. For forty years I have observed a steady growth of Statism amongst us — exaltation of the State — constantly increased dependence upon the State. Not its exaltation as a god, mind you, a god to be obeyed and sacrificed for, as in Germany and Japan — nothing so thoroughgoing as that. We exalt the State as the Great Provider — not a god, but a Sacred Cow to be milked by all and sundry. For forty years I have seen our government put up at auction every four years to the highest bidders; that is, the most reckless promisers. I do not blame the office-seekers; they behave according to the common competitive standards we have set up. If we *will* sell our votes to the highest bidder, naturally we stimulate all would-be bidders to enter the contest and put in the highest bid. I maintain we should censure ourselves, for surely we must know that the preposterous bids — the promises that we demand and accept — never can be made good, and only damage the country in any attempt to make them good.

"There is a dimness in the American soul concerning

certain basic American concepts. This country has operated for 170 years on the most continuously and dynamically revolutionary principle in the world — which is that, here, the citizen holds nothing by grace of government, and that government holds everything it has of substance and authority by grace of the citizen. We have political liberty in this country, not by grace of government, but because our people won that liberty for themselves before there was a government. Then they constructed a government charged *never to interfere with it*.

"IT WOULD ASTONISH YOU TO KNOW how many believe that their religious liberty — to take but one example — was bestowed on them by our American form of government. The people who formed this nation *had* their religious liberty *when they came here*; when they built a governmental system they forever forbade it to abridge that liberty.

"Government won for us none of our liberties; it was out of our liberties that we built the government. Oh, that we could see what a Portent, what a World Judgment, what a breakdown of tyranny and setter-up of Right the Foundation Principles of our Nation are! Until the advent of the people of the United States into the world, these things were never known. No revolutionary movement known to history has been so firmly founded on Principle and so productive of benefit to all peoples as this revolutionary movement — a movement always toward the Right — which we call the United States. Nothing benign, nor even humane, exists in any administrative attempt to trespass beyond the bounds the people have set to their government. The unnaturalness of every such attempt is swiftly certified by costly failure. America's past greatness is not political in its origin, and her future greatness will not be assured if she becomes more pronouncedly political.



NEITHER IS AMERICANISM BEST described in economic terms, though in the general mind the economic factor now looms greater than the political. It is the economic factor that draws half the world to look longingly hither. Hundreds of millions on this planet think of our country not so much as the Land of Liberty, but as earth's economic paradise. That perhaps is also truer of ourselves than we like to think. Too many of us gaily live *off* the country rather than *for* it. In spite of all the criticism vented on it, our economic picture, by comparison, has been more attractive to the people than any other modern economic system yet produced. Were it not so, we should see vast emigration from this country. The world is wide and many parts of it would welcome immigrants from America, but even the most vociferous American malcontent will not pick up and leave — conditions here are too attractive. Even if that land of the malcontent's ideological love — that vast Russian concentration camp of 190 million souls — should unlock its doors and let its people out, and we should open our doors to let them in, our American malcontents would be completely submerged by grateful refugees — refugees from that ideological, but not economic, paradise. This must indicate to the most incorrigible mind that, comparatively, conditions at their worst here are never as bad as elsewhere. We have a deep moral responsibility to maintain that state of affairs, and make it better, for good as it is, it is by no means all that it ought to be.

"I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH the late President's statement

that one-third of our people were inadequately fed, clothed and housed. But I ask, where else in the world could that have been said? Where else has the economic standard been so high, that the proportion of citizens enjoying it is as large as two-thirds? Even so, it must steadily be bettered. And this can only be done by high character in the people and high productivity in their economic system. In a sound economic system you cannot *give* anyone anything, you can only devise the means which will enable a man to earn what he needs. To tell him there is any other way of getting it is cruel falsehood. We have a big job to do here in the United States — a bigger job than fighting a war. War is the older art and we know how to go about it, but building an economy is the harder job and we have yet to learn how it is done. We shall learn it more quickly and perform it more easily if we proceed according to the pattern of Principle inherent in the economic Law of God. In this country we were making progress toward this ideal when several hindrances appeared, not the least of which was the fallacy that government is the fount of all economic blessing. With it came the delusion that it is possible to get something for nothing. And with that came the new theory that *demand does it* and that pressure and violence supersede growth and are shortcuts to achievement. With these in the ascendant, no economic progress is possible. Yet it is not by fixing attention on these negative aspects of the situation that we shall advance, but, leaving them to the operation of natural law, let us go on in faith and confidence to fulfill the obvious needs of our country. In the economic sphere we may hope for a new race of prophets — prophets of housing, prophets of banking, prophets of administration, seers of production and distribution, great saints of invention and application — to demonstrate anew that the right way is the serviceable way, and the only possible profitable, progressive and saving way.



BUT THESE ROUNDABOUT EFFORTS to define Americanism soon fall into disrepute by their very insufficiency. They can be avoided only if we know our national descent. If we held a mental picture of the root, trunk and branches of this great nation-tree whereunder we find shelter, whose fruit thus far is offered for the healing of the nations, we shall think with clearer understanding and walk with firmer tread.

"Many, if not most of us, do not know the line of our national descent, to which neither politics nor economics can furnish the clue, because the clue is elsewhere. The clue to America is in God, Truth and Faith. These which would explain so much are largely taboo today, and, in consequence, we flounder through dim twilights in what seems to be a maze.

"You may remember that when the war began, we were urged to fight — as if urging were needed — in order to *protect* our religious liberty. That sort of publicity, intended to build morale, was started off energetically but was soon withdrawn because it meant so little to so few.

"WHAT INTERESTED ME ABOUT IT was the assumption that America was the Source or Cause, and that benefits such as religious liberty, freedom of thought, opinion, speech, and so forth, were the luxuriant *effect* or bestowal of Americanism. It was assumed, apparently, that freedom of worship was an offshoot of the American political system, whereas in history and fact the American political system

is an offshoot of our freedom of worship. And as for protection, the religious consciousness of the American people protects the United States *far more* than the United States can protect it. Religious faith and freedom are not the *effect* of civilization, but its *cause*. Civilization does not guarantee them, they guarantee civilization. Yet many regard religion as a refinement which, having risen somewhat in the world, we can now afford, like manicures, cosmetics and electric refrigerators. They assume that first we were Americanized, then, in keeping with our state, we added religion to our other luxuries.

"Now, that exactly *reverses the historical and moral sequence*. I feel that having the true sequence clearly in mind would help us keep straight on other matters and it is worth having. Here it is:

"AS YOU KNOW, MAN'S STORY is largely the story of Freedom — Freedom Given, Lost and Recovered. Our own particular story, before and after attaining nationhood, is largely the story of Freedom Recovered. Freedom originally is the bequest of God, and those who first had it, lost it. We, as a people, have now been engaged for 400 years in trying to recover it for ourselves. Many another people tried, by other methods than ours, and have not succeeded. Why should we have succeeded — so far as we have? For it was no political system that made our fathers free: such a system would *presuppose* free men. How can a Constitution make men free, save that free men first write the Constitution? No, freedom came to our fathers, in various lands, while they were still in political bondage: for the first freedom, the source freedom, is not political.

"It came to them by quite another road than the political. They first discovered that *spiritually they already were free men*. They had found the Great Book of Freedom — the Bible — once the Church's Book, now the People's Book. And as they read they seemed to hear old, far-off ancestral voices speaking of something long since known and lost awhile. The native air of Freedom breathed from the Book over their souls — deep called unto deep — and the long-stifled processes of the Spirit began to glow. For that is where a man or a people is first made free — in the soul. The Book confirmed the fathers' instinct that, in his soul, man *natively* is free. And that is where *we* — that is where Americanism began. That is our *root*. The root is spiritual.

"NOW SEE IT GROW, FOR WITH SOUL-FREEDOM, every sort of freedom becomes not only possible, but necessary. It is the property of spiritual liberty to liberalize every sphere of life. Having gained it, our fathers sought liberty to exercise it — religious liberty in which to exercise their freedom of soul. They found it in Holland. Do not say the fathers came to America to find religious liberty — they had it when they came: what they did here was to establish it as the civil right of all.

"BUT RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WAS NOT enough. No single phase of liberty is ever enough; liberty is an indivisible whole. The fathers found they also needed economic liberty in which to fulfill the free life, and they started to acquire it, but found themselves hampered in the effort. The politics of the day, like all politics entering the economic field, sought to guide the fathers' enterprise into unnatural channels, and so stifled it. This forcefully gave our fathers to realize they still were not free. At once they saw two things — they saw that it was utterly unfitting that spiritual, free men should remain political bondmen, and they saw that economic life can freely flourish only in the atmos-

phere of political liberty. They would be free in all the outer aspects of life, because they were free in its deep interior aspect. To the astonishment of the nations, and to the joy of the world's oppressed, these spiritual, free men won their political liberty. Then, within the framework thus constructed of religious *and* political liberty, they adventurously set forth to develop their free economic life. They had so far succeeded in this as to make more of the goods of living more available, and more easily available to every family and every person than has ever been achieved in any land by any people at any period of history.



NOW, THERE YOU HAVE IT: the spiritual Root, and the liberties which naturally branch forth from it. None of them lives alone. You cannot trade off one of them to get a little more of another — trade a little political liberty here to get a little more economic advantage there; trade a little religious life to stimulate a little more business life — if you do, you lose both. There is an umbilical connection between Faith and Bread. Where faith was once strong, bread was plentiful; then faith was eclipsed, and bread became scarce. A map of the modern world is a tragic commentary on that statement.

"It is something for Americans to think about that none of our liberties flourishes apart from its spiritual Root. To think that, having now acquired our various temporal blessings, their original spiritual Root need no longer concern us is a serious mistake. Civilization cannot guarantee our liberties to us, and to think so is to put the cart before the horse: it is our spiritual liberty that guarantees civilization. Neglect the spiritual Root and all else withers. I think the withering that is so evident all around today should be a sign to us that the spiritual Root needs attention. It is no longer smart, it is grossly unintelligent, to ignore the spiritual source and sustenance of our country.

"MEN ARE SAYING, AS THEY look out upon the world today, that it is in a very deplorable condition. So it is. Our own land is no exception. Still, we maintain our boastfulness of spirit. We boast we are the richest nation in the world, forgetting that this is true only because the whole world is poor — even we ourselves being much poorer than we were. We boast we are the most powerful people in the world, forgetting that the whole world, including ourselves, has been incredibly weakened by the last war. The world, so painstakingly built up, was blown down in planetary rage, leaving only the barbarous races stronger and richer. Yet men profess to be surprised and disappointed. Why? Because in their vision of the post-war world they listened to the voice of the siren rather than to the voice of God. Our wise men, in their plans for the new world coming, omitted from their calculations the indispensable ingredient. They promised all the *newest gadgets* but of *new people* they said nothing because they had thought nothing. The real builders of the world are People, and the real builder of people is Principle. It was plain as day that if we were to build the after-the-war world with before-the-war and during-the-war people, and they unchanged, the world would remain exactly as it was before, plus the inevitable element of deterioration. That is what has ensued and indicates the extent to which moral ignorance prevailed. To have a better world you must have better people, and to have better people you must have a more vital concept of God and His purpose for the nations.

"If we ourselves were right, we would be thinking rightly of our country, and if we were thinking rightly of our country — not as a political or economic entity, nor, as more recently, a military entity, but as she is, a Spiritual entity — we would also be certain to think rightly of every other country. Our spiritual attitude, molded on Christian principles, would reinspire our whole international outlook.

"And it would reinspire our whole attitude toward domestic problems. Once, as a people, we did know that public problems were public opportunities in disguise. We did not regard them as public nuisances to be swept into a corner and ignored. This nation, in all the millions of its citizenry, once possessed character enough to face its problems man by man and family by family, analyze them in tens of thousands of local conclaves, and deal with them according to our highest sense of right. And the nation did this because it *knew* that in each problem, as in a treasure chest, it would find the means for its next stage of advance. The United States has advanced by problems courageously met and honestly dealt with; the United States has been delayed and beset with difficulty by problems lazily ignored. In the early days, before we had strayed so far from the spiritual source of our enlightenment and strength, we had the qualities of true progress in our *national character*, and until we recover that sense of who we are and what, as a nation, we came here to do, all that we nowadays call 'advance' will be little more than sound and fury, signifying nothing.



THE UNITED STATES HAS SOMETHING MORE precious to give the world than all the gold stored at Fort Knox. On the physical or material plane we have the finest and most effective system of production which would help all the nations of the world to help themselves. The American business system and the American method of production are new and distinctive things in the world. In American business all interest and effort centers round the job to be done, unlike the European and Asiatic system where interest and effort center round the money to be made. We know here the basic and powerful truth that Giving must precede all Getting. We know also that there can be no real prosperity for any until all are prosperous, and that no nation is prosperous whose citizens cannot afford to buy and use the things they make. Britain, Germany, France — the great export countries — proceeded on the theory that their prosperity depended on making their citizens the factory-hands for the rest of the world. Well, the wars exploded that fallacy even for Britain. In order to survive, she had to equip all her colonial customers to become producers and thus she made them industrially self-sufficient. It is the same with us: every machine we send or sell abroad helps some nation become independent of us, more self-dependent, which is as it should be. We in America, where productive genius is more progressive than anywhere in the world, have a duty to export our knowledge and help foreign peoples become independent of us. We will thus help the world to get on a self-supporting basis, and more quickly bring it to the place where we can measure just what the world of the future is to be. The export of American experience is more helpful to the world than the export of American dollars.

"ANOTHER GIFT OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO the world would be our uninhibited, independent mental attitude — our free and uninfluenced way of looking at things. Europe is slave to so many misleading points of view that she needs a new Renaissance to shake her loose from the encrusted religious, political and economic fallacies that so heavily hamper her movements* in this age. God made man's mind free, and kings, priests, masters of all sorts are interested only in shackling it. The American attitude may sometimes seem irreverent, disorderly and destructive; some good things may seem to be forgotten in its ongoing; but on the whole the trend is onward and the gains make up for the losses. I am speaking now of *simon-pure* Americanism, not of that mixed thing current today which is an offshoot of the same European decadence which we deplore. There is, outside of public life, buried deep in the heart of the plain people, enough of the pure essence of the American character to be of great service to the world. It is a pity that foreign nations should think they have the American point of view merely because they have the American motion picture, the latest American plays and the freshest American slang; these for the most part are only their own European offscourings being sent home again. To be American is to think with a free mind, speak from a frank heart, work with an honest hand. We still have much of that gift of freedom in living to give to mankind.

"I WISH IT WERE POSSIBLE TO ADD that we have the gift of religious liberation to impart also. Christianity as we know it, as the world knows it, is not the Christianity that Christ would bless with his approval. As a system of doctrine it is more theological than Biblical, more divisive than unifying. As a system of worship it runs full in the face of Jesus' own aversion to having His disciples make Him an object of worship. He rebuked the human inclination to gather around the messenger and give no heed at all to the message. Our Christianity — the organized sort — does not even scratch the surface of the Truth our Lord brought to us; nor have we even made a beginning toward *knowing* what it is, or of letting loose its operative power. We have made a philosophy and a cult of it — the very things our Lord detested. Would that we might make research into the dynamics of Christian Truth as we make research into atomic fission. The results would be much more world-shaking. It might close the churches but it would open the doors of life; it might silence the voice of preaching, but the thing preached would be as ingrained in the daily round as eating and sleeping are. One is haunted by the thought of Christ still waiting to be understood by those who wear His name. If I were to indicate what even a primary understanding of the words of our Lord would mean to health, mind power, education, national welfare, international peace — to art, science, religion — it would sound extravagant. But therein lies the whole solution of all our problems, and the whole character of the world that stretches beyond the time of solution. We say, 'Lord, Lord' beautifully and touchingly enough, but we lack the faintest idea of what He was trying to tell us — *is* trying to tell us now to do. If we knew, if we had proved His Word to ourselves and in our affairs, then, indeed, we should have something more potent than gold for the healing of the nations. Then, indeed, would we be a nation of priests and kings in the service of God and man."

REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

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The Big Issues

THE RUSSIANS, long convinced that Britain and Europe cannot recover, and that even powerful America will crash, are slowly working out a policy which we shall ignore only at great peril — growing peril, the intelligence reports all say.

The economic crisis in Britain and certain European countries, although a large enough factor in world affairs, is by no means the whole story.

Russian conviction that the Anglo-Saxons will crash partly accounts for noncooperation at conferences, and for the new boldness now beginning to show itself. Russia begins to press Persia more heavily (this is very serious); soon she will be rougher with Turkey, and will play her German cards more boldly. Already the very game our observers have warned us about is beginning in the Russian Zone and will soon spread.

The storm is blowing up, and Russia's boldness springs from her much better harvest this year and her conviction that the rest of the world is disintegrating. The fact that she too is weak does not worry her because she thinks the outsiders will crash first. That is to bring so many political and physical advantages to the Soviet Union that the Russian home front will be saved.

It must be said again that if Russia finds her estimate wrong, if hated America does not collapse, if all the non-Russian world decides to work together to make a new effort under Anglo-Saxon leadership, it is probable that in her anger, and fear, she will strike out somewhere to save herself from the internal difficulties, already serious, which would then become critical.

Russia cannot go on unless there are large political, social and economic changes in the outside world decisively favorable to her. If such changes do not take place, she may strike — in some way — on the narrowest front she can find where a decisive blow would, in her view, bring Anglo-Saxon recovery and strategy to shivers. It looks as if she would choose the Middle East.

Another Review of Britain's Politics

The biggest single factor in British politics is the inability of the governing party to tell the public the whole truth because the truth would prove almost every thesis it has proclaimed to have been false, and every promise impossible to fulfill. Thus, whatever its good intentions may now be, the majority party is in an impossible position. The leaders know it.

Before the election they said: 1) Exports did not matter. 2) Shorter hours, more holidays and less work would be practical under *their* leadership. 3) Large capital expenditure would be possible. 4) The mines under official ownership would produce far more coal — no more strikes, or trouble. 5) There would be agreement with Russia. 6)

India would find her soul at last. 7) It would be *the* age of peace, prosperity and ease for the common man — only the rich would be less well off. All this and more was said during and after the war when all the facts were available.

What has happened? 1) Exports are a matter of life or death. 2) The government has to beg for longer hours, shorter holidays and more work. 3) Capital expenditure must be reduced or the nation will collapse. 4) Nationalization of the mines is proving a disaster — apart from rotten production and strikes, one colliery which made large and steady profits for years was turned into a loss within five months — after vastly increasing its administrative staff. 5) Relations with Russia could not be worse — short of war. 6) India is a blood bath. 7) The common man has never been more restricted, reduced, hungry and miserable than he now is — not in a thousand years of British history. He hasn't enough to eat, to wear, does not know where to find a house, can't have a decent holiday from now onwards, may be directed to work here, there or anywhere, and his family may be smashed up at any time as a result. On top of it all he can't even read the news in full or the speeches of his public men.

The fact is that a great many extremely unpleasant things are now being enforced, not because they are necessary to save Britain — far from it, they hinder her recovery — but in order to bolster up various theories which are collapsing. Herein lies danger. Many governments in history have enforced things in the name of patriotism which have been in direct opposition to a country's real needs, merely in order to save themselves. In modern times Hitler gave the classic example — his dire measures were not to save Germany as he claimed but to save *himself*.

It is certainly true that the whole British nation from top to bottom, excluding a small body of Fascists, and a larger, but nevertheless still relatively small number of Communists, now has no profound political convictions but just wants honest, straight, and certainly brave leadership. It wants a constructive plan, a policy of expansion, not further restrictions, not the reduction of everything to mediocrity.

And thus the whole thing boils down to the vital need for clean, honest traditional leadership based upon the old authorities, old sanctions, and the things which made not only Britain and America, but all the Anglo-Saxon world the greatest and most famous community of nations recorded in the human story.

Some Brief Notes from Russia

The Kremlin is now preparing for the long overdue 19th Communist Party Congress. It will be held early next year. Its importance cannot be overrated. The last one was in 1939. These rallies are far more important than the performances the Nazis used to hold annually at Nuremburg.

Very astute observers, whose information is generally accurate, say that at the coming rally, Stalin, or his spokes-

man, is expected to say that Soviet scientists have succeeded in their atomic experiments. *This is very important.*

There is reason to think that this statement will be coupled with a blunt warning that the U.S.S.R. will tolerate no interference whatever in her new spheres of interest. Our observers say the rally will bring to a climax the whole policy of Soviet intransigence and non-cooperation. The present propaganda offensive directed against the Anglo-Saxon powers and Western Europe is preparatory to this, and has been laid out to create the necessary atmosphere for the Congress.

The Soviet government had hoped to produce the first atom bomb some time ago. They are behind in their schedule. Observers thought they would have it all fixed up by last spring — but things did not go so well as that. They know all the theoretical secrets, but they have had trouble in producing the actual bomb. Stalin has now been advised by the scientists that they are on the brink of final success, and that he is quite safe in planning to make the announcement at the forthcoming rally. Marshall Beria, who is in charge of the whole business is, however, less optimistic.

Advances in other modern war instruments have been greater, especially in the field of rockets and rocket-like weapons.

Among these missiles is one of almost phenomenal capacity for speed and distance. It is some kind of rocket, the flight of which is maintained by the firing of a series of successive timed charges. The explosion of each propels the missile forward at an increasing speed. At the moment of explosion, a disc-like object is ejected with great force, the equivalent of an empty cartridge shell. These discs are believed to be harmless, and generally disintegrate before reaching the ground.

It is believed that the Russians were compelled to liquidate various experimental stations which they had in Germany owing to the constant leakage of news about their activities and the growing curiosity of the Western Powers. A number of these installations were moved to islands in the Gulf of Finland.

The existence of Russian experimental installations in the Baltic islands has been corroborated by many reports from Sweden and also from Finland. The Swedish government discourages publicity about various strange occurrences because it is afraid of Russia.

The Soviet authorities have ordered the complete black-out of the various islands belonging to the conquered and occupied Baltic States, and also many others in the Gulf of Finland. The approaches are guarded by day and night, and several fishermen whose boats have drifted into banned areas have never been seen again.

It is rumored in Europe that it is possible, in view of the better Russian harvest and growing fear that the United States will become the dominant influence everywhere outside the Soviet sphere, a "Stalin Plan" will be announced in opposition to the "Marshall Plan." Immediate aid would be offered against the mere hope of something from the U. S. If this card is to be played, it will be pretty soon.

Report on France

For many months after the war, the fate of France trembled in the balance. If the Communists had risen to power and set up a régime under Russian autonomy, the strategic consequences for Britain and America would have been

disastrous and, moreover, almost certainly there would have been a Franco-Spanish war with all its dangers. For a number of reasons the crisis was averted — one being the flow of British and American tourists.

We must certainly expect a fresh crisis. The Communists and Gaullists are partly armed, the Communists more than the Gaullists. The decline in Communism during recent months has not made the hatred between them any less. *On the whole, we still think that Communists will not gain power in France, but there may be an extremely serious crisis with the possibility of bloodshed.*

Secret Report on Spain

Biased observers in Spain have found what they wanted to find — monstrous tyranny or gloriously successful government. This report may well be the first document to reach England for some time in which the true picture will be presented.

More than 50% of the Spanish people dislike Franco's régime. Some (mainly the workers) would like a Republic; others (officers and landowners) would like a Monarchy. But 90% prefer to endure Franco than to risk the possibility of another civil war; 70% of them realize that, apart from Monarchy, *there is no alternative to Franco's régime.*

Every Spaniard is intensely fond of his country; he is sensitive to any affront to his pride. British and American criticism and the U.N. resolutions have done much to rally the country behind Franco. Scratch a Republican and you find a nationalist. Moreover, despite his absurd vanity and bad judgment of world affairs in many things, Franco has three large feathers in his cap: 1) He was an able general during the Civil War. 2) He was one of the first European leaders to warn the world of the Communist menace. His people can see that many of his prophecies are being proved right: "I am the original anti-Bolshevik crusader," he says. "Have not events proved me correct?" 3) He kept Spain out of the war.

The condition of the poor has improved considerably since the end of the Civil War. Today the Minister of Labour can walk into a Communist quarter without an escort, because he has done more for the workers than the Communists did.

Afghanistan

It is not surprising that Afghanistan takes great interest in the momentous changes taking place in India just now. Two recent notes which were despatched from Kabul to Delhi and London have awakened the world to a new political problem on the frontier of India which might well prove a portent of future trouble. Russia watches with readiness.

All this goes to show that it is absolutely necessary that a settlement with Afghanistan and with the Pathans of the North West Frontier Province should be negotiated by Pakistan as soon as possible and without greater trouble. At the same time, the present anti-Kabul propaganda in Pakistan should cease, in which case it is highly probable that the Afghan's anti-Pakistan propaganda would also stop.

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THE BOOK OF THE LAW

CHAPTER I

ORGANIZATION OF THE KINGDOM

THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL enjoyed a no doubt welcome respite from their difficult and tiring journey through the wilderness when they encamped before Mount Sinai. Upon command Moses went up into the Mount to commune with God who said to him:

"Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself." (Ex. 19: 3-4.)

This message was addressed to the House of Jacob, the very House over which the Angel informed Mary Jesus Christ would reign forever (Luke 1: 33). Israel was reminded of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage and their safe journey through the wilderness to the foot of Mount Sinai.

A Chosen People

The Lord continued by saying that if the children of Israel would obey His voice and keep His covenant they would be specifically rewarded:

"Then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine." (Ex. 19: 5.)

How foolish for men to declare that God never called a people to be placed above others in view of this statement. God has declared otherwise and it would be the better part of wisdom to investigate God's purpose in thus selecting Israel. However, let it be always remembered that God was not setting Israel upon a pedestal; He was calling them to perform special tasks in His service. The special task about to be assigned to them was to administer His laws and, since they were to become His Kingdom people, they were to observe and keep all the requirements of His covenant.

Having reminded Israel of their deliverance from Egypt and His willingness to constitute them a special treasure unto Him above all other peoples on earth if they would obey His voice and keep His covenant, the Lord proposed to make them His Kingdom. If they would do all He commanded, God declared:

"Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." (Ex. 19:6.)

Kingdom of Priests

Unfortunately, the present meaning of the word "priest" fails to adequately describe what was being proposed. Today when speaking of priests we think in terms of those who officiate at the altar in an ecclesiastical capacity. The Biblical definition of the priestly office is much broader in its application.

It was the purpose and work of the Aaronic order of priesthood to function ecclesiastically in the religious service of God's people. However, another order of priesthood, known as the Levitical order, was also established in Israel

and the priests of this order were not set apart for service in the Temple. On the contrary, they had charge of *national* affairs and from this priestly order the judges, lawyers, doctors, tax collectors and men in similar capacities were selected; in fact, the office of the Levitical order was administrative and the priests of this order had charge of the affairs of God's Kingdom. It is of basic importance in understanding the story the Bible tells to always bear in mind the specific differences between the *Aaronic* and *Levitical* Orders of Priesthood in the Israel Kingdom.

A Holy Nation

The Lord informed Israel they were to be above all nations and become a Kingdom of administrators. But in order to function as His administrators they were to be unto Him a kingdom; that is, His Kingdom. Furthermore, not only were they to be His Kingdom, but they were to be the custodians of His commandments, statutes and judgments which He would establish as the basis of their constitution. As His Kingdom they were to administer those laws. Because of this responsibility, their assent to become His Kingdom made it mandatory that they obey His laws themselves and keep the covenant of their administration. It is easy to see that if Israel would consent to all this, it would immediately place them above all other nations in the world. Not only would this elevation above all others become an established fact, but as a result of the righteous administration of Divine law, their ultimate destiny would be world rulership and the establishment of universal peace. That final result — the establishment of universal peace — was, manifestly, the Divine aim.

This was the proposition God made to Israel at Mt. Sinai and their acceptance of these God-given terms would be manifested by their willingness to keep and administer the constitution He was about to give them upon their consent to become His Kingdom. The Lord concluded His instructions by saying to Moses:

"These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel." (Ex. 19: 6.)

God's Proposal Considered

Moses returned to the camp and called for the elders of the people to bring the instructions of the Lord to their attention as he had been commanded. The magnitude of the proposition God was making to Israel must have filled the people with awe for He was asking nothing less than that the House of Jacob consent to let Him make them His Kingdom upon the earth. After due deliberation the elders and all the people answered together and said:

"All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord." (Ex. 19: 8.)

Israel's reply to the Lord was in the words of a very solemn vow, confirmed in this same connection on two other occasions (Ex. 24: 3 & 7). That vow was later affirmed before Joshua when the people said to him:

"The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey." (Joshua 24: 24.)

Importance of a Vow

This vow is most important for God requires that His people in all their generations keep the vow sworn to by their forefathers. It is no light thing to make a vow to the Lord and calamity will follow those who fail to keep their word. Solomon recognized the importance of a vow when he said:

"When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for He hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed." (Ecc. 5: 4.)

He then states that it is better not to have vowed than to vow and not pay. The law of the Lord pertaining to vows is as follows:

"When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee." (Deut. 23: 21.)

Once a vow has been made it must be kept. The Psalmist recognized the importance of this, for when inquiring who will abide, or sojourn, in the Tabernacle of God, or dwell in His Holy Hill, he lists among other things: "He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not" (Ps. 15: 4).

Israel had vowed before the Lord that they would obey all of His instructions and keep all His laws. That vow, made at Mt. Sinai, is as much in force today as when it was first made and confirmed and it must be kept by modern Israel today if national blessings from the Lord are to be expected.

There were times when Israel made foolish vows, but if they had given their word the solemn agreements must be observed even though it was to their own hurt. God always moved to punish the people when they refused to keep their word.

This one fact — broken vows — has been responsible for more trouble for God's Kingdom upon earth than any other one factor. Many times the nations comprising that Kingdom failed to secure relief from trouble all because of broken obligations to God.

Requisite to Blessings

It is only by keeping their vow that God's people can hope for prosperity and the blessings of happiness, contentment and peace. It is useless for our nation to expect deliverance in the day of trouble by national days of prayer while walking contrary to His laws. The Psalmist gives the requirements which will bring answer to prayer:

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High; And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Ps. 50: 14-15.)

Often individuals and nations desire the blessings of answered prayer without keeping the required obligations that will produce them. God has set before His people two ways:

"I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." (Deut. 30: 19.)

The Glory of the Lord

The Lord then said to Moses:

"Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee." (Ex. 19: 9.)

The reason given for this demonstration was that the people might believe Moses forever. That word *forever* applies to more than Moses' generation. Our Lord told the Pharisees that if they did not believe Moses and the prophets, they certainly would not believe even though one rose from the dead. Later they knew that Jesus Christ arose from the dead but even though they knew the resurrection to be a fact they still refused to believe. The scholars who today deny Moses and the prophets can be classified with the Pharisees of our Lord's time. The stipulation *forever*, therefore, is applicable today.

Israel was instructed to prepare for the meeting with the Lord. They were to set themselves apart from all secular pursuits on Sunday and Monday, the third and fourth days of the ninth civil, or third sacred, month. Their clothing was to be washed also and they were to be ready in every way for the meeting on the third day (Tuesday, the 5th). This Tuesday was fifty days after the Exodus from Egypt and it was the day the Law was delivered to Israel. It was, therefore, the inception of the Day of Pentecost which was afterward celebrated by Israel as a memorial of that august occasion before Mount Sinai when God came down upon the Mount and they received the Law of the Lord. Bounds were set around the mountain, beyond which the people were not to go. It has already been shown that tremendous electrical displays accompany manifestations of the Glory of the Lord. Here, at Mount Sinai, extraordinary precautions were taken to prevent both man and beast from approaching too close to that Glory. If they touched the mount they would surely be put to death, either by stoning or being shot through, before they came close to the Power of His Glory. Moses went down from the mount and sanctified the people, instructing them to remain completely apart from carnal pleasures as they awaited the coming demonstration on the third day.

Confounding the Skeptics

Skeptics have tried to discredit the account of Israel's experience at Mount Sinai. The fact is, however, that no one can account for the influences upon Israel and upon her history without taking into consideration the marked impression made upon the people by the events which occurred at Mount Sinai. Hundreds of thousands witnessed this demonstration of God's might and power. None of that generation ever denied these facts. The generation that immediately followed accepted them all as true.

History proves that at this time a nation was formed into a Kingdom, with laws that were perfect. They also received a form of administration that has never been excelled. They came into a knowledge of a monotheistic religion that persisted for centuries, in spite of the many gods and goddesses of the nations round about them. The egotism of the skeptic who thinks he can account for all these facts apart from the recorded experiences of Israel at Mount Sinai is colossal.

"And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled." (Ex. 19: 16.)

Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with their God.

The Voice of God

It was one of the most solemn occasions in the history of Israel. The Bible records the history and prophecy of four great national calls issued to Israel. The first was this call to Israel to become His Kingdom. The second came centuries later when, under the terms of the New Covenant, Jesus Christ instructed His disciples to go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel and the call went out to "divorced" Israel (not Judah) to return to Him again. The third great national call came at the time of the Reformation when the 2,520 years of Israel's punishment began to expire. At that time God summoned Israel to arise to a national and spiritual cleansing and to become a light to the Gentiles that they might take the knowledge of the Gospel of Salvation to the nations (Isa. 49: 6). The fourth and last call is to the nations of Israel to awaken to their identity and arise to their responsibilities at the end of the age. In this call is the summons to restore the Jehovah administration in the nation and demonstrate to the world the righteousness of His commandments, statutes and judgments.

"Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed." (Isa. 56: 1.)

These great national calls will be dealt with in their order as the story the Bible tells unfolds before us. At present we are concerned only with this first and most important summons to Israel to arise and become God's Kingdom.

Moses Summoned

We are told that Mt. Sinai was covered with smoke when the Lord descended upon it in fire. Smoke went up from it like the smoke of a smelting furnace and the whole mountain quaked and trembled:

"And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice." (Ex. 19: 19.)

The Lord summoned Moses to come up to the top of the mountain. Moses went up to meet the Lord as commanded but he was told to return to camp immediately to restrain the people who were about to break through to the mountain. If they should succeed, they would be destroyed. Moses felt the people would not disobey because they had been instructed otherwise but God, knowing the thoughts of the people, ordered Moses to hasten down or the people would break through and many would perish. Moses was told to have the priests sanctify themselves and when he returned Aaron was to accompany him.

God had instructed Moses concerning the terms under which Israel would become His Kingdom and the people, after listening to those terms, repeated to them by Moses, accepted the conditions. The Lord had descended upon the mountain to manifest His presence among them as their King. Before dealing with the National Covenant God made with Israel, His Kingdom people, let us first have a clear understanding of the nature of the Kingdom of God.

The Kingdom of God

The birth of the Kingdom of God is clearly set forth in the nineteenth and twentieth chapters of Exodus. To briefly review what has already been stated concerning this

fact, we have found that it was at Mount Sinai that Israel was called to become God's Kingdom. The Lord declared, "Ye shall be unto me a Kingdom." Language could not be plainer and this statement alone should suffice to answer the question, "What is meant by God's Kingdom?" Unfortunately, due to unbiblical methods of spiritualization, the truth of the story the Bible tells is completely set aside and men have failed to identify the Kingdom on earth over which Jesus Christ is ultimately destined to reign (Luke 1: 33).

A kingdom must have at least the following four characteristics: a king; a people; a body of law; a geographical location, *i.e.*, the king's domain. In contrast to a kingdom an ecclesiastical order must consist of at least two branches: the priesthood and the ritual. There need not necessarily be a geographical location, for wherever the priests of the priesthood may be, they can carry on their functions since their domain is more spiritual than temporal. This is not true of the officers of a kingdom, however, for the moment they leave the jurisdiction of the kingdom they cease to exercise authority in their official capacity.

The Kingdom of God and the Church of God are not synonymous terms. The first is administrative and is committed to keep judgment and administer justice. Thus, the Kingdom is required to show forth the fruits of righteousness; that is, to administer the Law of the Lord. But the priesthood and members of an ecclesiastical organization should show forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, patience and kindness. These are the direct attributes of personal spiritual conduct rather than the righteousness of kingdom administration.

We are told by the Angel in the annunciation to Mary that our Lord will take over the throne of His father David and rule over the House of Jacob forever. Thus, He will function as King over the Kingdom, which is the House of Jacob, not the Church. Nevertheless, He is also High Priest in the Church, after the Order of Melchisedek. In fact, the Church functions as the priestly order *within the Kingdom*.

Jesus addressed the Pharisees and said, "The Kingdom of God is within you." Men have applied this saying to the idea that the Kingdom is within the heart. Our Lord most certainly did not say to those whom He called of their father, the Devil, that the Kingdom was *in their hearts*. But He did declare that the Kingdom was *in their midst*, as the marginal rendering of this passage in the King James version clearly indicates. He, the coming King, stood in their midst and proclaimed His Kingship. They possessed the oracles of God, which set forth the constitution of the Kingdom. Prior to their rejection of their Messiah they were functioning as the Kingdom people.

Referring again to the Kingdom, Jesus also said that men of violence had "taken" it by force. This was true, for by Israel's refusal to abide under their God-given laws, graft and crime, oppression and violence have marked the administration of the affairs of the Kingdom.

Not of this World

Our Lord said to Pilate that His Kingdom was not of this world; that is, of this order or *kosmos*. His Kingdom was formed in Heaven and founded upon earth at Mt. Sinai, and its laws when properly administered will bring about peace. This Kingdom was not established by violence, nor

was its foundation laid by men who had taken the sword of aggression, as were the kingdoms of this world order.

The Prophet Isaiah made the following declaration concerning His Kingdom:

"Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David [established over Israel], and upon his kingdom [the Israel people], to order [that is, prepare] it, and to establish [that is, support] it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." (Isa. 9: 7.)

The Prophet informs us that the Kingdom, born at Mt. Sinai, will grow and increase in influence under the administration of the Throne of David, establishing justice and peace, and it will endure forever. This is God's Kingdom upon earth, which is to be cleansed of evil and violence, for He shall yet send forth His angels:

"And they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity." (Matt. 13: 41.)

God's Covenant With Israel

We have already seen that God entered into a covenant with Abraham. That covenant with him, and with his seed, was a covenant of individual blessing, increase and expansion of the race, and a promise that they would become a great nation. At Mount Sinai Israel became God's Kingdom and He made a National Covenant with them there to administer His laws. This covenant was *unconditional*, as was the Abrahamic Covenant. However, there were certain *contingent clauses* in this contract. These are known as the "if" and the "but" clauses of the covenant. Two ways were set before Israel; one the way of national happiness and prosperity; the other, the way of trouble and disaster. If Israel would obey and administer His laws, they would come under the national blessings of the "if" clauses of the covenant; but if they failed to administer those laws they would then come under the national curses of the "but" clauses of the covenant. However, in either case the covenant itself would be in full force.

A Principle of Jurisprudence

Some have reasoned that the Mt. Sinai covenant was nullified, because later Israel made the choice that brought the curses of that covenant into operation. Such reasoning completely overlooks the important fact that this covenant was ratified by God and when once ratified it could not be set aside. Again, the very fact that Israel has suffered for centuries under the operation of the "but" clauses of this covenant is irrefutable evidence of the continuous operation of that covenant for it is a legal principle of jurisprudence that no one can be punished under the terms of a contract, or covenant, not in force.

When Israel finally failed to administer righteousness they elected to suffer under the terms of the punitive clauses of the law. A time limit was set for the operation of these punishment clauses; its duration to be "7 times" or 2,520 years. At the expiration of that period God would again call His people to fulfill their ancient vow. The call would go out for them to restore the administration of His commandments, statutes and judgments that equity and justice might be established in the lands of Israel, and eventually spread to all nations.

The Law of the Lord

The fact that there are ten commandments is usually

the full extent of the average man's knowledge of God's laws. The truth is that the scope of that law is far more extensive than could possibly be covered by the ten commandments only. That law not only embraces these commandments, it also contains statutes and judgments as well. The theological teaching of the day usually covers the moral laws of man's personal conduct and his individual relationship to God. Beyond that, theology has not been willing to go. The reason for this is clear. The greater body of the laws of the Lord are beyond the jurisdiction of the theologian. They are for the statesmen, the judges, the lawyers, the economists, the doctors; in fact, every profession that represents any phase of human conduct or governmental administration will find the requirements of conduct and administration in the laws of the Lord. The theologian, by his training, is in no position to handle this great body of law. Therefore, he has left these laws alone and in most part they are unknown today because we have let the theologian have an exclusive option upon Bible instruction. But the Bible has given us the laws governing every phase of human activity and because this is so it is imperative that the knowledge of the existence and extent of these perfect laws become known that our nation and its leaders may conform with their requirements. The Book of Deuteronomy is Moses' codification of the law for Israel to administer. In this book there are no laws of ordinances. The observance of the laws which Moses has so ably codified would bring peace and prosperity to our nation; in fact, to the world. In this book we find but fifteen verses, in one chapter, devoted to setting forth the Ten Commandments. Then, in chapter after chapter, for over 600 verses, statutes, laws and judgments for the individual, national and economic well-being of God's people are set forth. The Ten Commandments are important; the other laws, given at the same time, are also as important and definitely essential if our nation would have a land free from violence with equity, justice and peace the everyday right of the people.

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“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of the darkness of this world.”

Giants of the Darkness

By HOWARD B. RAND

ED. NOTE. Information is given in this article which should be of vital concern to those who desire to rightly appraise present world conditions as the earth becomes increasingly filled with violence and blood. The inhuman acts of men and women toward fellow human beings must be inspired from a source other than human. The Bible definitely declares this to be so and gives important information which points to the presence among us of evil personalities who are extremely active in the affairs of men and nations today. Translation difficulties have hidden the true facts from the average Christian, and our spiritual leaders in churches and theological seminaries, whose task is to instruct us in all truth, have been negligent in their duty in this respect. Furthermore, they have belittled any reference to this phase of supernatural manifestation and power. By their refusal to teach what the Bible states is so, they are responsible for many becoming prey to diabolical and demonic forces whose objective is not only the destruction of righteousness but the ultimate enslavement of mankind. Jesus Christ and His disciples recognized the existence of these evil personalities and to this fact the prophets have also testified. In this article will be found Scriptural evidence that they exist and some of the marks by which their works and their presence may be detected. Foreknowledge is forearmament and it will be well for those who would escape the ever-increasing influence and suggestions of these malignant ones to know and understand what the Bible teaches concerning them.

DARKNESS HAS BEEN used symbolically of degradation and evil, but that there is an actual place of darkness where evil spirits are compelled to reside, chained there through fear of or inability to endure light, is less understood. Interesting information can be gleaned from a study of the Scriptures concerning this “nether world” or place of darkness, the abode of evil. This knowledge enables one to understand why the

Bible admonishes us to be alert and constantly on guard.

Other Lords

Isaiah, the Prophet, refers to a time when men had to serve lords who had since died, against whom God had to move in order to break the power they exercised over men:

“Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. O Lord our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.” (Isa. 26: 12-14.)

Shades or Fearful Ones

Who were these lords? The fact that there is to be no resurrection for them now that they are dead indicates that they are not dead *men*, for all men shall arise again, at least for the judgment. The statement “they are deceased” is worthy of close study. *Young’s Analytical Concordance* states that the Hebrew word here translated “deceased” is *Rephaim*, meaning *shades, fearful ones*.

The dictionary defines shade as a phantom, spirit or ghost, stating that *the shades* are the inhabitants of the nether world, or *hades*, the abode of disembodied spirits. The *Rephaim* are therefore shades, phantoms, spirits or ghosts; that is, fearful ones. What, then, is the connection between the *Rephaim* and the lords of whom Isaiah is speaking?

Nephilim or Giants

Let us turn back to the days before the Deluge and examine the account of the sons of God who saw that the daughters of men were fair and chose any whom they wanted to be their wives. The record states:

“There were giants [*Nephilim*] in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.” (Gen. 6: 4.)

Reconstructing the situation, we find that the sons of God, the fallen angels (II Peter 2: 4-5), were the giants, intellectually as well as physically, who became lords over mankind. Finally, these sons of God, seeing the beauty of the daughters of men, began to cohabit with them with the result that their offspring inherited the immortal spirits of their fathers and their giant stature while their physical bodies were but flesh and blood, inherited from their mothers. Gigantic in size, with corresponding physical strength, and possessing the intellect and immortal spirits of their fathers, these men became very powerful and established their tyrannical rulership over men. These were the lords the human race was compelled to serve. But the *Rephaim* had not yet come into existence.

The Rephaim

Because of the rule of those giants the earth became corrupt and was filled with violence, necessitating its destruction by the Flood so that the offspring of the fallen angels might be destroyed. This same catastrophe brought the authority of the fallen angels themselves to an end. Isaiah declares that those lords were destroyed and even the memory of them has perished. A study of Scripture, however, along with information gleaned from ancient records, reveals the devilish and diabolical power exercised by the *Nephilim* (fallen angels), and now carried on by their disembodied offspring. These disembodied spirits of the offspring of the *Nephilim* are today

the *Rephaim* confined in the abyss of darkness. Much of the information in the Scriptures pertaining to the *Rephaim* is hidden due to the fact that in translating from Hebrew into English the word "dead" is substituted for the name *Rephaim* where this name appears in the original manuscript.

Turning to Job 26: 5 we read:

Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof."

In a footnote in *The Companion Bible* is the following explanation of this passage:

"The Ellipsis must be supplied thus: '(The place where) the *Rephaim* stay (which is) beneath the waters, and the things that are therein.' This place thus answers to the other place, Sheol, the grave, in the next verse."

"Dead things" thus refers to the *Rephaim*, who are the disembodied spirits of the offspring of the fallen angels, whose bodies perished in the Deluge. But though *Rephaim* signifies a "dead thing," it also refers to something eerie and fearful that is not associated with dead men.

Moffatt translates this verse in Job:

"Before him the primaeval giants writhe, under the ocean in their prison." (Job 26: 5.)

Ferrar Fenton renders this same passage:

"The *Raphaim*, themselves, were destroyed. And rest themselves under seas."

The Great Deep

When the Deluge overwhelmed the earth, the bodies of the offspring of the fallen angels perished though their disembodied spirits lived on. When the waters of the flood receded, the place of their abode still remained under the sea and it became the place of their perpetual grave, where their spirits were chained in the darkness of the great deep. Perhaps, too, the fallen angels themselves, because of their sins, were chained in the same location where the spirits of their offspring found a grave, for Peter tells us God did not spare the angels that sinned, but cast them into chains of darkness (II Peter 2: 4).

Here they are to remain until the judgment, but, though they must remain in the abyss, evidently the spirits released from the destroyed bodies of their offspring are at liberty to ascend from this abyss at stated times.

If men today were able to explore

the floor of the oceans they would, no doubt, find in the great deep the remains of gigantic cities, the former habitations of the antediluvian giants. These ruined cities are the eerie abode of the *Rephaim* — the disembodied spirits of those fearful ones. There in the darkness of the great deep, too, it may well be that their fathers are chained, awaiting the time of their judgment.

Paul's and Peter's Advice

But what have we to do with these spirits and how do they affect us today? Our question should be to inquire if it can be so that, though the fallen angels are chained in the abyss, the spirits of their offspring are able at times to go forth and do their bidding. Paul counsels:

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph. 6: 10-13.)

These disembodied spirits, chained in darkness, are unable to bear the light, but when the full shadow of the sun engulfs the earth at the midnight hour they apparently can ascend from the abyss and do come forth for a short time each night. Peter warns:

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." (I Peter 5: 8-9.)

The Apostle stresses the danger of drunkenness, for under the influence of liquor men and women are susceptible to demon possession and certainly are in no position to be vigilant.

Demon Possession

What is the main objective of the evil spirits? It is to prevent coming judgment and in order to do this they are constantly endeavoring to frustrate the plans of God for the establishment of His Kingdom upon earth. But they must have a vehicle — a body — through which they can work. Therefore, they are continually seeking

human beings whom they may possess and through whom they can carry on their subversive activities. If they can secure the willing, or even the unwilling consent of an individual to that possession, they seem to be temporarily released from the confinement of darkness. By securing the use of a body and mind, with the power of speech by which they are able to operate and exert an influence over those whom they wish to control, they and their fathers hope to frustrate the plans of God as the consummation of the age approaches. Human beings who are evil, or who unwittingly lend themselves to subversive activities, supporting programs in opposition to the establishment of His Kingdom, are furthering the plans of these devils. If the eyes of men could be opened so they could see, even for a moment, the fearful apparitions whose influence and directions they are following, fear and horror would seize them. From time to time men have caught glimpses of these denizens of the nether world and it has left them frightened and shaken. The man of God, occupying the front-line trenches in this sanguine conflict, is fully aware of their existence, having learned by experience to respect their power.

Presence of the Rephaim

Due to translation difficulties the full significance of the activities of these evil spirits has been more or less concealed until men today have come to believe they are non-existent. In fact, one who expresses belief in their existence is apt to be called a simpleton by his fellowmen. But that these evil disembodied spirits do exist and are active in every phase of human sinfulness is very clear and testified to in numerous passages of Scripture. They themselves are pleased that men refuse to recognize their existence for then they will not be on guard against their influence. Solomon declared:

"Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant. But he [the one partaking of such secret evils] knoweth not that the dead [*Rephaim*] are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell." (Prov. 9: 17-18.)

Where sin abounds these disembodied spirits are ever present as unseen guests in the midst of evil merry-makers. This fact accounts for the preponderance of sinful and degrading activities in the early hours of the

morning — after midnight. This also explains why wicked men love darkness and are more courageous in their wanton acts of evil after the sun sets. Solomon, speaking of strange women who flatter with their lips, said:

"Which forsaketh the guide of her youth, and forgetteth the covenant of her God. For her house inclineth unto death, and her paths unto the dead [*Rephaim*]. None that go unto her return again, neither take they hold of the paths of life." (Prov. 2: 17-19.)

The moral degradation of the offspring of the fallen angels made the Deluge necessary and their disembodied spirits, craving evil but without bodies, are unable to fulfill their desires so they seek companionship with evil men and women. Did Paul have this thought in mind when he said:

"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid. What? Know ye that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? For two, saith he, shall be one flesh." (1 Cor. 6: 15-16.)

Solomon further declared:

"The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead [*Rephaim*]." (Prov. 21: 16.)

Bottomless Pit

Evil spirits were particularly active in our Lord's day, trying to interfere with His ministry. An interesting incident occurred at that time, demonstrating the impossibility of those disembodied spirits to continue during the hours of light apart from human possession, for they seem to be without power to carry their plans to completion except through the medium of the human body.

When Jesus arrived in the country of the Gadarenes a man met him who was possessed of devils. Jesus asked him

"What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him." (Luke 8: 30.)

Recognizing that Jesus was about to cast them out:

"They besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep." (Luke 8: 31.)

The Greek word here translated "deep" is *Abussos* and is the identical word translated "bottomless" and "bottomless pit" in Revelation, from

which place evil ascends and into which the Devil and his angels are to be cast (Rev. 9: 1,2,11; 11: 7; 17: 8; 20: 1, 3). It means a very deep place and Job informs us it is under the sea.

These demons besought the Lord to allow them to enter into some swine near by and He allowed them to do so with the result:

"Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked." (Luke 8: 33.)

Apart from human possession evil spirits apparently have no protection from the light, the exposure to which seems to cause them excruciating pain. The flesh of the swine gave them no such protection and the swine could not endure their presence so they plunged into the water and the evil spirits were precipitated into a mad scramble to reach the security of the darkness of the great deep.

Ascending from the Abyss

Unknown to natural man, these denizens of the Bottomless Pit are often the source of their inspiration as they plan acts of aggression and reach out for wealth and power. Even Christian men and women are susceptible to their influence when they walk in their own spirit and refuse to be led by the Spirit of Christ. The Bible presents a few examples of the power of that evil influence and its effect upon history. John in Revelation tells us of the opening of the Bottomless Pit, out of which came a force capable of causing much destruction (Rev. 9: 1-5). This incident prophetically described the later activities of Mohammed:

"One day at the age of forty, he [Mohammed] was wandering among the rocks at the foot of Mount Hara. He entered the mouth of a cave and sat there musing. As he mused he was shaken by an unseen power. As he sat there trembling and disturbed suddenly a light flashed and the Angel Gabriel stood before him and in the name of God [Allah] commanded him to preach the true religion. Mohammed is reported to have run home and told his wife that he was possessed of a devil and had gone mad. She listened to the account of his experience and told him he was to be a prophet to his people. But Mohammed was tortured with the thought that the revelation he was receiving might be from the Evil One. John declares that Mohammed was inspired from the Bottomless Pit, so his apprehensions and fears were well founded." (*Study in Revelation*, page 86-87.)

Try the Spirits

From the great deep under the sea, from the eerie abode of disembodied spirits and the prison of the fallen angels, came the spirit that animated Mohammed, resulting in drenching the earth with blood. From this same source has come the inspiration that animates false beliefs and all religious cults which are out of step with the facts taught in the Scriptures. Here also is the origin of much of the disension so evident today among Christian peoples. John gives us a test in the following words which we may apply in every case:

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets [teachers] are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God." (1 John 4: 1-3.)

We are not to believe those who refuse to accept the fact that Jesus Christ is *God, the Son*. Further earmarks of false doctrine are furnished in the repetition of the original statement in the temptation of Eve when Satan said to her, "Ye shall not surely die" and "Ye shall be as gods" (Gen. 3: 4-5).

Deceiving Men

Many occult movements today declare that death is not death; instead they paraphrase Satan's statement in their doctrinal glorification of life in the "great beyond." Mohammed sends his devotees to a heaven of carnal delights, while others prepare imaginary heavens according to their particular conception of the future state. But Jesus Christ as God, the Son, is seldom mentioned, and when He is, it is to place Him in an inferior position than that which He actually occupies. So the lie from Satan, the father of lies, is perpetuated by the seed (Gen. 3: 15) of the serpent — these disembodied spirits from the abyss — as they continue to deceive men into believing they shall not die but will become as gods.

Origin of Modernism

The inhabitants of the great deep are especially active today. In the form of a beast ascending from the Bottomless Pit, John, in Revelation, describes their warfare against the Two Wit-

nesses whom they succeed in overcoming and slaying. The facts pertaining to these Two Witnesses are amply covered in *Study in Revelation*. * It is sufficient here to point out that, as a result of this attack from the Bottomless Pit, Modernism came into being, propagating its false doctrines which have permeated the entire body of organized Christianity with the result that the faith of millions has been destroyed. Its source is the great deep, or abyss, where the *Rephaim* reside. Its inspiration comes from the minds of the demons, or disembodied spirits, the denizens of the deep. The spirit and doctrines of the *Rephaim* have already become so well established in our theological seminaries and schools that they are being proclaimed as truth from most of the pulpits in our land. The man who has the audacity to oppose these evil doctrines of devils is considered a renegade, a nobody, or at least unlearned.

From the eerie abode of the disembodied spirits of the giants of darkness Modernism has come, with its Christ-denying and miracle-belittling teachings. These spirits of evil have succeeded beyond perhaps their own fondest hopes in inoculating and indoctrinating millions of Christians with their poison. Playing upon the egotistical covetousness of many ministers of the gospel to claims of super-scholarship, the *Rephaim* have found in them allies made to order, avid listeners to their whisperings of the superiority of intellectualism. From the darkness of the abyss came the withering blight of a great apostasy which has cast its malignant shadow over all Christendom. Surely the demons of the nether world must rejoice at the stupidity of their devotees who are proclaiming as true from their pulpits doctrines whose origin is from the depth of hell.

"Modernism, with its spiritual apostasy, has prepared the soil in the Israel lands in which the seed of Communism can readily grow." (*The Shadow of the Third Woe*, DESTINY for September 1945.)

Vehicles of Expression

This is not all, for just as God declared He would put enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman, the warfare between the two has raged throughout the ages. Through fallen angels Satan had sought to corrupt the seed of the

woman, necessitating the destruction of the world. Through the disembodied spirits of his offspring he is seeking to possess man that he may control and dominate his spirit. In the conflict man has been handicapped because he is mortal and subject to death, but the seed of the serpent has also been handicapped because these disembodied spirits need flesh-and-blood bodies through which to express their desires. Thus, they seek every opportunity to possess the bodies of human beings in carrying out their plans. Sometimes that control is actual; often it is through suggestion and by evil inspiration. Sometimes it is conscious, willing possession; more often it is unconscious, unwilling possession of those who have not "put on the whole armour of God." In the days of our Lord many were physically possessed. The envy and jealousy of the leaders of Jewry was also a ready vehicle of expression, for these men were usable in the Satanic endeavor to destroy Jesus, the Christ. Thus the Lord could say to the Jews who had thus lent themselves to carry out the purpose of the Evil One:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8: 44.)

In the process of the warfare between the two, the seed of the serpent and that of the woman, the denizens of the deep have been recruiting and continually increasing the army of human cohorts supporting them. Legions of evil spirits from the abyss have taken possession of many, body, soul and spirit. The man who denies these fundamental principles regarding the activities of evil ones, the fearful ones or shades of the nether world, speaks out of his ignorance of actualities. In fact, his very ignorance makes him liable to be influenced by the evil wiles of the *Rephaim* who today are moving into position for the Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty. Already strong nations have succumbed to their influence and power.

Origin of Evil Aggression

Wars of aggression have their birth in the Bottomless Pit and in modern times there is strong indication that many of the leaders of these forces of

evil aggression are and were demon possessed. Hitler, with his concentration camps, torture chambers and furnaces of destruction manifested in his life and activities, and in his fits of uncontrollable temper, every mark of such possession. But with the destruction of his Empire the *Rephaim* were still not without an army of willing cohorts and leaders to do their bidding.

Fall of Babylon

In DESTINY for July 1945 it was pointed out that Babylon, politically and militarily, had fallen and the end of Gentile rule had come. This occurred with the collapse of Germany and the unconditional surrender of her armies. Isaiah declares that with the fall of Babylon the *Rephaim*, or disembodied spirits from hell, would be stirred into tremendous activity:

"Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead [the *Rephaim*] for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of nations." (Isa. 14: 9.)

He-Goat Leaders

The Hebrew word translated "chief ones" is *Attud* and means "he-goat leaders." It is the same word used by Ezekiel to designate evil leadership among God's people and those who have oppressed them, whom He will judge for their wickedness:

"As for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats [*Attud*]. Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture . . . ye must foul the residue with your feet?" (Ez. 34: 17-18.)

Here we also have reference to the leaders of the goat nations of Matthew 25 whom the Lord will judge at His coming. Who are these nations and their leaders who are stirred up today as the result of the fall of Babylon? First, we have the "he-goat leaders" within the Israel lands, at Washington, in London and among the clergy, endeavoring to lead Israel astray, turning the nation away from their God-given laws and trying to substitute the injustice of socialization and regimentation for the justice and equity of the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord. But who else is referred to? Can we locate the center of the present activities of the *Rephaim*?

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Demonic Leaders

In the past we have pointed out the devilish acts of the leaders of the Kremlin. Moscow is the center or field headquarters of the *Rephaim* as they press the fight against God's Kingdom. But why the marked acceleration in activities just now? With the passing of Babylon, its authority and rule, these disembodied spirits of the nether world recognize more clearly than men that judgment is coming and their time is very short. They are now making one last supreme endeavor to prevent the consummation of the age and delay the coming of judgment. The evil spirits animating Hitler and the men under him have seized complete control of the leaders of the Kremlin and every evidence indicates that the spirits of demons from the Bottomless Pit are in control of the northern hordes whose leaders are ready and willing to do their bidding. Only thus can one rationalize the diabolical activities behind the iron curtain.

East vs. West

It is the East against the West — the fearful ones from the great deep or abyss moving through the control of Soviet Russia to defeat Israel and destroy the Kingdom. The *Rephaim*, the serpent's seed, have succeeded in recruiting millions of willing and unwilling subjects to carry out their bidding. Esdras saw all this and exclaims:

"And thou, Asia, that art partaker of the hope of Babylon, and art the glory of her person: Woe be unto thee, thou wretch, because thou hast made thyself like unto her; and hast decked thy daughters in whoredom, that they might please and glory in thy lovers, which have always desired to commit whoredom with thee! Thou hast followed her that is hated in all her works and inventions: therefore saith God, I will send plagues upon thee; widowhood, poverty, famine, sword, and pestilence, to waste thy houses with destruction and death. And the glory of thy power shall be dried up as a flower, when the heat shall arise that is sent over thee." (II Esdras 15: 46-50.)

Russia is of the east and now aspires to also take over all the territory once under the rule and domination of the Succession of Babylonian Empires. Under Hitler Germany was hated and now, as declared by Esdras, the Kremlin is following her in all her works and inventions. Already poverty, famine and the sword have visited their land and pestilence is to follow. But note the

statement by Esdras concerning the *heat* which will arise over them. Can this be a reference to the tremendous heat that will be released by atomic bombs?

Transferred from Berlin to Moscow

Today the seat of preparation for aggressive warfare has shifted from Berlin to Moscow as a whole nation and its leaders become instruments for devastating war in the plans of the *Rephaim*. Closely associated with the doctrines of Communism are the acts of these disembodied spirits from the great deep, for Communism, as carried out under the leadership of the Soviets, is atheistic and, thus, anti-God and anti-Christ. John, in Revelation, was given a vision of their activities as they use nations to accomplish their purpose:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Rev. 16: 13-14.)

Approach of the Great Day

Within the Israel lands fellow travelers with Communists are supporting the plans of these demons. Those giants of the darkness, in the days of their earthly existence prior to the Deluge, exercised world-wide domination and used their power to rule with violence, producing chaos which finally necessitated the destruction of the antediluvian world. Today their cohorts are again seeking world-wide power and they are filling the earth with violence and blood, evil-inspired by these demons of darkness. The Battle of that Great Day of God Almighty is very, very near.

Extensive Activities

The ramifications and resulting evils wherever these denizens of the deep have infiltrated into the activities of men, or succeeded in possessing individuals in their plans of aggression, is almost inconceivable. They range from the work of independent individuals in their restricted circle of sinful acts to groups, and even nations, who are being used in this warfare as the seed of the serpent makes one more, supreme effort to overcome the seed of the woman.

War Against the Kingdom

The *Rephaim* are fully aware of the potential possibilities in the splitting of the atom and, having taken full possession of the Soviet leaders, are moving heaven and earth to acquire the wherewithal to release its energy in their warfare against His Kingdom. Truly we are not wrestling against flesh and blood but against the powers of a malignant evil as these giants of the darkness move to consummate their plans and prevent, if possible, the return of Jesus Christ to take the Throne of His father David. This they hope to accomplish by destroying the Kingdom and the Throne. Already Great Britain, the seat of the Throne, is beaten to her knees as the denizens of the deep stir her leaders and people to propagate doctrines of men rather than the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord. The United States also is suffering from similar attacks that will become very acute in the months ahead. Fortunately, He is coming suddenly and will appear just in time to seal the doom of these fearful ones. Then will be fulfilled:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. . . . And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled." (Rev. 19: 11-21; 20: 1-3.)

Agreement With Hell

Into the Bottomless Pit of the great deep the Devil will find lodging, chained there with his seed. But, lest we forget, Stalin, and those associated with him in leadership, are cohorts of

The Ultimate Ruler

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THE RETURN OF Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords, to exercise sovereignty over the Kingdom of God functioning here on earth, is one of the great promises of God, the absolute and complete fulfillment of which involves the Divine integrity and honor.

When Christ is here — what? There are certain definite implications in that question. It implies that there is no doubt whatever that our Lord Jesus Christ is coming back to this earth of ours — and indeed He is, and soon. There is nothing more certain than that fact.

There very often comes to mind the story of the vision of John, recorded in the 4th chapter of Revelation. In it the Apostle saw Jehovah sitting upon a throne. In vivid language he describes the glory, beauty and majesty of the scene, and he says, "There was a rainbow round about the throne." I wonder why! Do you not think that the fact is stated to remind us that God is a covenant-keeping God, that His Word is truth, that His promises are sure. "God is not a man that He should lie, nor the son of man that He should repent; hath He said and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken and shall He not make it good?" So said Balaam of old, and he was merely a spokesman, uttering the direct words of God Himself.

There is another emphatic statement made through Malachi of a similar nature, "I am the Lord. I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." That ought to have a very special significance for our generation, the generation which has departed so far from allegiance and obedience to God and His law that it has recently been dubbed "an age without standards."

Among the eternal and irrevocable undertakings and promises of God is that concerning the occupancy of the Davidic Throne by Jesus Christ our Lord. Stemming from the Davidic Covenant we have the reaffirmation of the Divine promise made through the Archangel Gabriel to Mary, the mother of Jesus and the human vehicle

or agent of His Incarnation. Read the unequivocal statement concerning Christ, who was then as yet unborn:

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the House of Jacob for ever; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1: 32-33.)

There it is, the sure, simple and direct statement of God. It is the affirmation of what He will do. It is a tremendous promise and of special and direct importance now when the time for its fulfillment, as indicated by present world conditions and the signs of the times, is so very close. Why do the preachers not proclaim that message and all that it means? Why do they not tell their people that the Throne of David exists on earth, that it is here now, and still occupied by a descendant of the Davidic line, the line promised the privilege of occupancy until "He comes whose right it is?"

What an awakening these preachers are going to have shortly! For there it is; God declares that Jesus is to exercise sovereignty and rulership from the Throne of David over the House of Jacob. You cannot explain His promise away; it stands and it will inevitably be carried out.

Speaking of its fulfillment and of the Kingship of Christ, Paul declares, "He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet" and "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." We understand by the latter statement that death will still be with us when the Kingdom of God is actually functioning upon earth.

Jesus Christ is the ultimate Ruler. He is the only Ruler who can bring order out of the present chaos, who can establish world peace, and bring that which we call social security into being. I have called Him the ultimate Ruler, but He is also the *absolute* Ruler. No autocratic monarch ever wielded such power as is His. Yet He is a benevolent monarch, for "to the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses though we have rebelled against Him."

When is He coming? He will come at the time "of the restitution of all things spoken by the Holy Prophets since the world began." He will come when the powers of Evil make that final attack for which even now they are feverishly preparing. Where will He come? Read Zechariah 14 for the answer to that. How will He come? He will come with majesty, power and great glory. Listen! "The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trump of God" and "Hereafter ye shall see the Son of Man sitting on the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of Heaven." Also, "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war . . . and the armies which were in heaven followed him."

Accompanying this great happening those great physiographical changes will occur which are described by Zechariah, Ezekiel and Isaiah — those tremendous changes to accompany that great cataclysmic upheaval which the world is yet to undergo. Then what? What will be the conditions?

Perhaps a digression will be permitted here to comment upon an important point. There are those who maintain that Jesus Christ is here now, and He is, but in the Personality of the Holy Spirit. You will remember that when He was about to return to the place He occupied from the foundation of the world, before "He took upon Him our flesh," He said to His followers: "It is expedient for you that I go away, for if I go not away the Comforter will not come until you, but if I depart, I will send Him unto you" (John 16: 7). The Comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, came on the Day of Pentecost and He has been here ever since convicting the world of sin.

The result of the return of Jesus Christ *in person* will be, first of all, the final and complete destruction of the forces of Evil. There are those you know who are preparing to make war; indeed, they are now actively engaged

in making war on the Lamb, and the verdict is, "the Lamb shall overcome them!" The forces of Evil are to be removed from the scene for a thousand years, then the Kingdom of God will commence to function.

It will be the functioning of the Theocratic State designed by God and brought into being at Mount Sinai. Note well, the Theocracy is to be established with power, not by persuasion. It will function, and "the Lord shall be King over all the earth." There may be subsidiary Rulers under Him, for He is King of kings and Lord of lords, and we remember His promise to His Apostles, "In the Regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the throne of his Glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matt. 19: 28).

In the theocratic economy under Moses there were 70 Elders who shared the responsibility of administration. They were men of special qualifications; like all who were put in positions of authority they were "able men, such as feared God, lovers of truth, hating covetousness." They were endowed — and this is tremendously important — with the Spirit of God. They possessed "the Spirit of wisdom, and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." It will be so again, men chosen by Christ will, under His personal administration, direct the affairs of the Kingdom. They will have no legislative powers. Legislation; that is, law-making, is the prerogative of God. He has never yet delegated that power. No man has ever been given authority to make laws to govern the affairs of His fellow men; that task is too great for human wisdom. Men have given a convincing example of human failure in governments under which man-made laws have superseded the Divine Law of the Lord.

Space will not permit detail here but I simply mention the Divine Law of the Sabbath, which men are not only deliberately breaking, but which they are continually endeavoring to put out of operation by human pronouncements of judgment. No! Man has no business making laws. His task is the administration of the Divine Law and it will be thus when the Kingdom of God is functioning under Christ. Then we, the people, will want to have it so. We are going to become a changed people, for God says of us, "I will put my law into their mind" and "I will write my statutes upon your hearts and ye shall know my judgments and do them." Then what?

Here are some of the resultant blessings which will govern conditions in the Kingdom Age when Christ is here. First of all there will be the assurance of peace and prosperity. Remember that it is God's promise:

"If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them. Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: . . . neither shall the sword go through your land." (Lev. 26: 3-6.)

That is one of God's definite promises; it has always been applicable, and its blessings available, but we have disregarded it and consequently are in the present condition as a nation. Why, even the weather has been "unseasonable," as we call it.

We also have the promise for the Kingdom Age of health and longevity, and with it the promise of security of tenure:

"And they shall build houses, and in-

habit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them." (Isa. 65: 21-23.)

In the Kingdom Age peace will be world-wide: "For nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks, neither shall they learn war any more."

Justice and judgment will be equitably administered and "nature red in tooth and claw will be at peace." The 11th chapter of Isaiah is excellent reading in this connection. Then, too, there will be no more taxation burdens. War, sickness, penal institutions and insane asylums will all be eliminated, and there will be no more poor among us. All these are the blessings of the Kingdom Age, contingent upon and belonging to the actual functioning of the Kingdom of God on earth. Well may we say with St. Paul, "I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us."

Is not this something to be longed for, prayed for, worked for? Remember that there is no gainsaying the truth of these statements. Christ, the King, is coming; the Kingdom of God is going to function, and God's will will, indeed, be done on earth as it is in Heaven. We must believe these things; we must proclaim them; we must create a desire for them. They are sure to us when we are ready to obey the Law of the Kingdom. No other philosophy of life can ensure them, Communism cannot provide them and only the citizens of the Kingdom will enjoy them.

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the *Rephaim*, seed of the serpent, and are hastening today to fulfill the program of the evil ones. The Anglo-Saxon world can no more reach agreement with the Soviets than they could expect to secure the consent of the demons of hell to a truce for the purpose of establishing righteousness and peace. It would be well if our nation, and Great Britain also, would awaken to the realization that God's injunction

that we are to make no league with them should be implicitly obeyed. Any agreement whatever with the Soviets is, as Isaiah declared, a covenant with death and an agreement with hell (Isa. 28: 18).

Evil, malignant and terrifying, is being spawned behind the Soviet iron curtain as the leaders of the Kremlin, dominated by the *Rephaim*, press the battle in this critical hour of their warfare against God.

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DIVIDING THE LAND

PALESTINE IS THE LORD'S LAND but the UN proposes that it be partitioned between Arabs and Jews. In this way the nations are undertaking to deal with the land of the Lord as though it belonged to them. This move on the part of the United Nations will lead to the greatest of all world conflicts and will decide forever the fate of all peoples.

Speaking through the Prophet Joel, God declares that at the time when the pillar of smoke would appear (the result of exploding the atomic bomb)* judgment would come upon the nations:

"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." (Joel 3: 2.)

Moffatt renders the last clause in this verse, "and divided my land." This is exactly what the Jews desire, and what the UN is now proposing to do, but God decrees that its action will mean war and He issues this proclamation through Joel:

"Proclaim this to the nations: 'Let it be war! Rouse up your warriors, muster your fighting men, march! Hammer your ploughshares into swords, your pruning-hooks into lances. Let your weaklings think them warriors, let your cowards think them heroes! Let the nations rouse themselves and march to Judgment Valley, for I will sit in judgment there, on all the nations round.'" (Joel 3: 9-12, *Moffatt Trans.*)

Nations are today under Divine judgment for undertaking to divide the inheritance of His people. This land was promised by God to the seed of Abraham to be governed and ruled by that part of his descendants to whom He gave dominion. This judgment upon the nations will climax in the events of the great and terrible Day of the Lord.

It is unfortunate that in this day of spectacular world developments, with history demonstrating the accuracy of prophecy, that most Christian leaders are unable to speak with authority because of their ignorance of the teachings of Scripture. Because of their unbelief they cannot even identify that portion of the seed of Abraham to whom the promise of dominion was given. Unable to make that identification, they have assigned to Judah and to the Jews what does not belong to them. The Psalmist says:

"When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; *Judah was his sanctuary*, and *Israel his dominion*." (Ps. 114: 1-2).

Recording the genealogy of all Israel, we are told that Judah furnished the chief prince but the birthright — that is, the promise of kingdom greatness and the right to dominion — was given to Joseph, not to Judah:

"For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler [prince]; *but the birthright was Joseph's*." (I Chron. 5: 2.)

Jacob previously confirmed this when blessing the two sons of Joseph — Ephraim and Manasseh (Gen. 48:

* See "The Pillar of Smoke," *DESTINY* for November 1946.

15-22). Judah did not receive the dominion, nor can it be given today to the Jews for, though some of the Jews are a remnant of Judah, many are not even of Israel stock. This fact is borne out by the *Jewish Encyclopedia* under the word "anthropology" where we are informed that a great proportion of the people called "Jews" in the world are of other than the Jewish race. This being so, Palestine is not even the land of their fathers. Yet, in the face of these facts, the Christian world, and now the UN, are trying to give to these people the land of Israel which does not belong to them.

Many of the Jews who have entered Palestine today are atheistic Communists and the next step in the fulfillment of prophecy follows as the Jewish underground turns left toward the Soviet bloc, as expressed by Nathan Friedman Yellin, leader of the extremist Stern group, in his conversation recently with a news correspondent. He implied such a move was being contemplated. Such a move would be against the House of Israel and in support of the enemies of His Kingdom.

The following is from an editorial entitled *Judah Against Jerusalem*, *DESTINY* for August 1943, and when written was prophetic of this newest development, the move toward the left on the part of the Zionists:

"It can readily be conceived that under certain conditions, with a victorious enemy moving into the middle east and promising the Jews all they are now endeavoring to secure from the British, but without success, the enemy might receive the active support of those of Jewry who look to the establishment of Palestine as their homeland. . . . It is well known to close students of the identity of the Anglo-Saxon Celtic peoples with Israel that our enemies will yet attack in a move to annihilate us. The success of their plans will seem assured as they move into the middle east; but though all this is recognized, few students are aware that Judah will be aligned with these enemies of His Kingdom people in this final thrust against Palestine and Jerusalem. . . . Zionism is taking an attitude towards Great Britain that can easily lead to Jewry being against the defenders of Jerusalem when Russia moves against Great Britain and enters the land of Palestine. It is conceivable that Jewry will play an important part in the coming Soviet move with the hope of securing their objective: home rule in Palestine! The fact that Ezekiel indicates that the Arabs will protest this move along with Israel is significant. Just as the Jews aligned themselves with the Romans in their desire to remove Jesus, who had interfered with their plans, so, too, we may expect them to be aligned with the Soviets in the desire to remove Great Britain who is interfering with their plans in Palestine."

Turning again to the Prophet Joel, we find him dealing with the closing events of the present age as they will affect Palestine. With the nations on the march, and Palestine as their objective, this Prophet declares that the harvest time has come and that God has ordered His "Mighty Ones" to come down as multitudes gather in the valley of decision and the Day of the Lord draws near.* The violence of the conflict, with the release of atomic energy and God intervening through the power of His "Mighty Ones" in behalf of His people, is succinctly stated in the description, "And

* See *Joel's Prophetic Message and Warning*, \$1.00 Postpaid. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

the heavens and the earth shall shake" but the Prophet promises:

"But the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel." (Joel 3: 16.)

The UN proposes to dispossess the House of Israel of their inheritance in the land of Palestine in the present move to divide the land between Arab and Jew, and the

Zionists are planning to secure Soviet support in a program God has declared will result in a third but final world conflict. The destructiveness of that conflict will eclipse all previous wars but at its end God's people will be delivered, righteousness will be established and He will redeem His heritage — after which Jerusalem shall become a city of renown throughout the earth.

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Freedom of Work

THE WORLD IS TODAY seeking a solution to problems which are rapidly creating national destitution and bringing poverty and want to millions. Standing astride the road to recovery and prosperity is the monstrosity of a planned economy, with its accompanying bureaucratic labyrinth in which even the industrious who want to work are becoming lost.

One of the fundamental principles set forth in the American Constitution is freedom of worship and the separation of Church and State. Another separation which must be made, if this nation is to survive as a free and prosperous state, is the disassociation of government and private business. With the coming to power of the New Deal during the Roosevelt Administration a planned economy came into being which has destroyed many of the fundamental rights originally given to the citizens of this nation under our Constitution. There will be no restoration of many of those rights until men elected to office are compelled to function as administrators in the affairs of state and not try to run the businesses of its citizens.

A business executive recently said that twelve American industrialists could put Great Britain back on her feet within six months if given a free hand. The crux is in the statement, "*If given a free hand.*" But the wrecking crews in political office would never grant a free hand since the complete divorcement of government from private business would be required. Today, Great Britain, and in a measure the United States of America, are suffering from too much government in business.

As long as government planning has as its objective interference with individual initiative and private enterprise, chaos ending in final economic ruin is inevitable. It is as impossible for political leaders, no matter how good their intentions may be, to lay down rules and regulations for business production and expect prosperity and abundance as it would be for these same political leaders to prescribe the pattern of every man's religious faith. Yet this is exactly what is being tried and the results are beginning to manifest themselves in Great Britain and in other lands.

But there is a reason back of it all. Because the Attlee government in Great Britain and governments in other lands are preventing freedom of enterprise, the citizens of those nations are compelled to adopt programs of austerity and, finally, the entire economy will collapse. Because

God has decreed that the old order will pass away, He is using the egotism of shortsighted politicians to prevent businessmen from reviving their former prosperity. Mortification is already in evidence in many of the works of men's hands. While the wrecking crews are busy with the disintegration processes, they themselves are unaware of the work of destruction assigned to them. Being imbued with the importance of their own wisdom, they think they are building a new order. Actually they are destroyers only and the extent of the damage they are doing will be recognized when the economic structure, weakened from within and without, finally collapses.

The attitude of the people toward all this is a most interesting revelation of mass thinking today. Along with political leaders, the public has lost all sense of values, for while in the past men recognized that through industry, enterprise and initiative alert individuals, who diligently apply themselves to work, can become prosperous, many of them now look to government to provide their needs. But government is no stronger, nor wiser, than the men whom the people have elected to office. Individuals who in private life never qualified as alert businessmen are expected, as government officials, to bring the wisdom of Solomon to their problems and become experts in advising businessmen how to conduct their businesses. Many of these same politicians, if compelled to establish a business of their own, would soon become involved in an economic tangle from which they could not extricate themselves.

Someday we shall return to the fundamental principle that the purpose of government is to administer law and that those who are elected to office must be statesmen charged with the affairs of state. It is not their prerogative to regulate and direct the legitimate activities of business, the purpose of which is to meet the requirements of supply and demand. Today government officials, by virtue of having been elected to public office, are assuming directional leadership over the business world who in private life would not possess the qualifications to hold high executive positions. Isaiah's appraisal of this situation is expressed in his prophecy, "I will give children to be their princes." The Hebrew word translated *children* in this passage refers to young men lacking experience. It is a true description of those who today rule over us.

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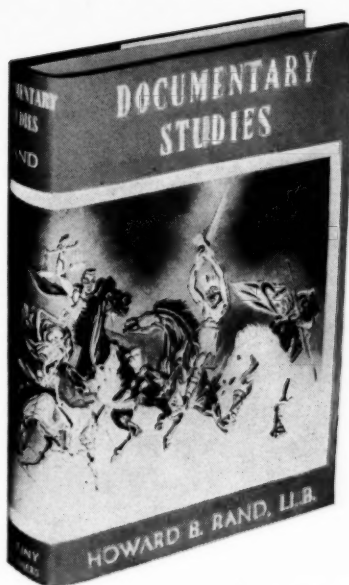
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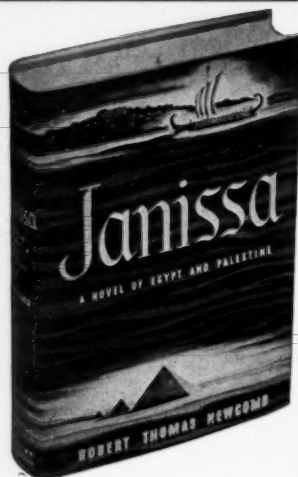
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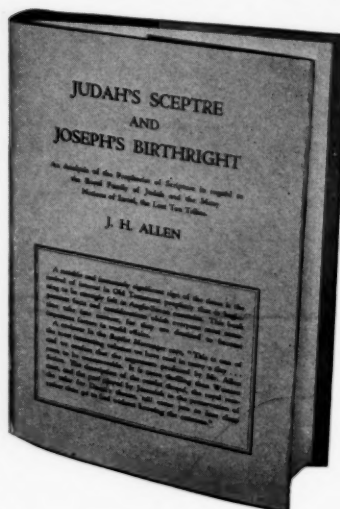
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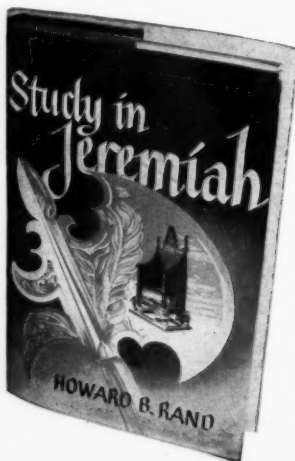
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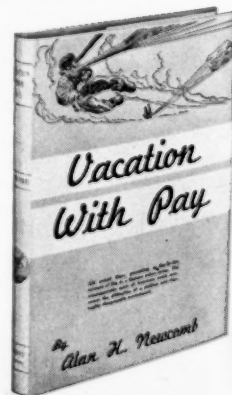
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